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Modi calls for documenting history of Indian diaspora

Addressing Pravasi Bharatiya Divas event in Bhubaneswar, PM lauds journey of Persons of Indian Origin and speaks about their remarkable achievements; he also highlights country's global role

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Lauding the journey of Persons of Indian Origin across different eras to various countries, their remarkable achievements, and contributions to the societies, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for documenting the history of the Indian diaspora.

Addressing the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas here, he said, "The history of the Indian diaspora across the globe, their journeys to various countries, and their remarkable stories of success form a unique part of India's heritage. There are many interesting and inspiring stories which deserve to be told, seen, and documented. They represent our shared legacies and cultural heritage."

Key event: Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in Bhubaneswar on Thursday. ANI

Mr. Modi said in a world in turmoil due to wars across the globe, the future lay in Buddha, a symbol of peace, rather than in war.

Symbol of peace

"Right here in Odisha is the place named Dhauli which is a great symbol of peace. Emperor Ashoka had chosen the path of peace here while the world was expanding empires through the power of the sword. This is the strength of our heritage, with the inspiration of which India can say to the world today that the future lies in Buddha and not in war," he said.

"The pace at which 21st-century India is advancing and the scale of its development efforts are unprecedented. In just a decade, the country has lifted 25 crore people out of poverty. During the same period, India has risen from being the world's 10th largest economy to the fifth largest. It won't be long before India secures its position as the third largest economy in the world," Mr. Modi said.

Underlining the country's growing global role due to its achievements and prospects, the Prime Minister said, "Today's India not only firmly asserts its own point but also strongly amplifies the voice of the Global South. The World patiently listens to what India says."

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INDIA bloc picks AAP over Congress for Delhi polls

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Assembly election has triggered an unexpected crisis for the INDIA bloc. The Samajwadi Party and Trinamool Congress have extended unqualified support to the Aam Aadmi Party over the Congress. The Shiv Sena (UBT) is also leaning in favour of Delhi's ruling party.

The support of these parties is symbolic at best, since none of them have any significant electoral presence in Delhi. However, their actions signal a wider problem within the bloc. J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah – whose party, the National Conference, has refused to pick sides – said on Thursday that the alliance's agenda, leadership, and future strategy is not clear.

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Six surrendered Maoists remanded in judicial custody

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The six Maoists who surrendered before Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday, were produced before the Special NIA Court here on Thursday and remanded in judicial custody for 14 days. They were later shifted to the Bengaluru Central Prison Complex at Parappana Agrahara.

Mundagaru Latha, Vanajakshi Balehole, Sundari Kuttaluru, and Mareppa Aroli from Karnataka and K. Vasanthan from Tamil Nadu and Jisha from Kerala were said to be the last batch of Maoists in the State. They have been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The Internal Security Division will probe the case.

Meanwhile, none of the six Maoists surrendered with any weapons. They did not carry weapons with them when members of the State committee to oversee the surrender of left-wing extremists accompanied them from the forests, near Sringeri, on Wednesday.

A senior police officer, who was involved in the surrender process, said that the Maoists did not bring any weapons. The police had to search for them in the course of further investigation into the cases filed against them.

Upon inquiry, the Maoists reportedly told the committee members that they did not possess weapons. However, it is said that they did not wish to surrender carrying the weapons. The police would recover them later.

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Back to the drawing board as questions about the road ahead loom large

Tours of Australia generally have a way of shaking up the established order, especially when they don't produce the desired results. A limited restructuring can't be ruled out before India heads to Dubai for the Champions Trophy in six weeks' time in search for its first global 50-over title since 2013

GETTY IMAGES

R. Kaushik

It's been less than a week since India slumped to a six-wicket defeat at the Sydney Cricket Ground which saw them relinquish their grip on the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The final Test, and the 1-3 score line, was a disappointing outcome for a team which had promised much after its surprise victory in the series-opener in Perth, but which went steadily downhill as the five-match showdown claimed its inevitable victims.

The biggest setback for the visitors was the loss for a Test and a half of Jasprit Bumrah, the stand-in captain in Sydney after Rohit Sharma opted out owing to poor form. Rohit's decision is unprecedented in Indian cricket; 31 runs from five innings after missing the Perth win owing to paternity leave convinced the 37-year-old that on current form, he didn't deserve a place in the best Indian XI for the series decider against Pat Cummins' Australia. It's another matter that the man for whom he made way, Shubman Gill, didn't exactly cover himself in glory with two poor strokes that extended his abysmal record outside Asia in the four years since his excellent debut down under on India's previous tour in 2020-21.

Bumrah was the standout performer throughout the series and on a tricky surface which perhaps took even Sydney curator Adam Lewis by surprise, he could only bowl 10 overs for the match. There is no gainsaying how Australia's chase of 162 on day three would have unravelled had the brilliant pacer been available for battle. The back spasms that kept him out of commission must surely be a huge source of concern. Bumrah had surgery on that part of his body a couple of years back, is 31 and pencilled in to be Rohit's successor. That's in the long term. In six weeks' time, India will line up in Dubai for the Champions Trophy and the leadership group will be hoping Bumrah is fully fit by then as they renew their quest for their first global 50-over title since 2013.

The biggest talking points from a series that could so easily have gone the other way had India seized key moments were the sub-par performances of the captain and his predecessor. Rohit's poor form began at the start of the home international season in September against Bangladesh, spilled over to the three Tests against New Zealand and came to a shuddering denouement in Australia. Between the middle of September and the end of December, in eight Tests and 15 innings, the captain had a solitary half-century and a slew of single-digit scores against his name. As form slumps go, this was quite extraordinary, leaving huge question marks hanging over his Test future. India's next Test assignment isn't until June in England, when another five-Test series beckons. Rohit has little chance to work himself back among red-ball runs unless he chooses to skip the IPL and hops across to England for the County Championship. The chances of that happening - your guess is as good as ours.

Achilles heel

India's cause was further hampered by Kohli going off the boil at about the same time. A second-innings century in Perth had sparked the hope that it would be the start of another spectacular outing for the right-hander in the land where he made his first Test ton in early 2012, but that proved to be a false dawn. As much as the bouquet of low scores - his next highest score in the series was 36 - what was particularly startling was his inability to arrest an alarmingly similar mode of dismissal. Eight times out of eight, he was out caught behind the wickets, feeling for deliveries he could well have left alone. Scott Boland alone accounted for him four times, reopening old wounds first inflicted by James Anderson and England in 2014. In 10 innings then, Kohli made only 134 runs, after which he embarked on a five-year journey of dismantling bowling attacks all over the world. Now 36, it's debatable if Kohli can reprise that magical run.

Which begs the question - as India brace for the start of the next World Test Championship cycle, what do they do with Rohit and Kohli? The argument that their contributions allow them to exit on their own terms is floating around in many quarters and while there is no questioning the roles they played in bolstering India's global image as a cricketing force, the decision-making group will ponder long and hard over what tack to embrace. By the time of the England series, Rohit will be 38. He has shown himself to be selfless and a team man above all and anyone else, and if he feels that the fire is still burning bright, he will commit himself to one final, glorious hurrah, just as Kohli will.

But the temptation for Ajit Agarkar's selection panel and for head coach Gautam Gambhir, also under strife with India losing six and winning just three Tests in his 10 games at the helm, to make a fresh start might be overwhelming. There have been promising signs from Yashasvi Jaiswal, one of the few top-order batters to return from Australia with his reputation enhanced, and from the young duo of Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington Sundar, both of whom have shown that they deserve to be in the top half of the batting order. Alongside K.L. Rahul, once again lapsing into inconsistency after starting the series with so much confidence and ending it in typically underachieving fashion, and Rishabh Pant, these three could form the core group going forward.

Concentration lapses

Normally, Gill too will automatically figure in this list but the right-hander from Punjab has a singularly unedifying record outside the subcontinent. Since his 91 against Australia in Brisbane in January 2021, his highest score in England, Australia, the West Indies and South Africa combined in 10 Tests in 36. For someone batting in the top three, that's a miserable return. Gill looks like a million dollars when he is on song, but he has been prone to concentration lapses and to rushes of blood that have pegged his average back to a middling 35.05 after 32 Tests. As it is, Rahul himself has an average of 33.6 after 58 Tests and a decade at the international level. These are not encouraging numbers. To be blessed with great talent is one thing, to maximise it is something else, and it's this yawning gap between ability and performance that Rahul and Gill have been unable to bridge.

R. Ashwin's sudden, mid-series retirement leaves a huge lacuna in home Tests though overseas, he has been used sparingly in the last half-decade and therefore that might not be that much of a factor. Ravindra Jadeja's future too has come under focus after mediocre scores at No. 6 in the last three Tests in Australia and while India will be hard pressed to find replacements for the two all-rounders who boast more than 800 wickets and nearly 7,000 runs (10 centuries) in Tests between them, time doesn't stand still for anyone, does it?

The pace department, which will be expected to do the bulk of the heavy lifting in England as the next WTC cycle kicks off, is heavily dependent on Bumrah, and that is only to be expected when one is so far ahead of the rest of the support cast. Bumrah's 32 wickets put him in rarefied territory; oftentimes, he was unplayable with old ball and new, with red ball and pink. Such is his genius that he will continue to spearhead the Indian bowling till such time that he is playing the game. While the threat levels inevitably drop when he is off the attack, India do have reasonable depth that should be bolstered further by the imminent return after more than 14 months of Mohammed Shami.

Siraj's milestone

In Sydney, Mohammed Siraj became the latest Indian bowler to reach the milestone of 100 Test wickets. It took him 36 games doing so, which might appear unflattering till one figures out that he has a strike rate of a wicket every 53.1 balls and that he is very sparingly used in India even when he is in the playing XI. Siraj had a good tour of Australia, 20 wickets - the fourth most across the two teams - at a strike rate of 47.15, but against Bumrah, those numbers have been deemed commonplace. Siraj will accept that he could have done better, but like Akash Deep, the rub of the green didn't quite go his way throughout the five games. He did show mettle, leadership and bottle while bowling 11 unchanged overs in the Sydney second innings in a desperate bid to make up for Bumrah's non-availability, but how does anyone ever compensate for life without Bumrah?

Bumrah, Siraj, Shami, Deep and Prasidh Krishna is almost as good a pace crop as any going in the world currently - don't forget the 'almost'. Deep has played only seven Tests and Prasidh three; both are 28, therefore not exactly spring chickens but with enough experience to continue to progress along expected lines. England will test them even more than Australia because they won't get the same purchase from the surfaces and because Bazball will place great demands on their character, apart from their skills. How well Siraj, Deep and Prasidh back up Bumrah and Shami, and how much Nitish develops as a quick, will be watched with keen interest. Nitish is scheduled to work on his bowling with former India bowling coach Bharat Arun in the immediate future, indicative of the 21-year-old's determination not to let the grass grow under his feet.

Tours of Australia generally have a way of shaking up the established order, especially when they don't produce the desired results. Maybe not *perestroika*, but a limited restructuring can't be ruled out this time too.

THE GIST

- The biggest talking points from the series were the sub-par performances of captain Rohit and Kohli
- The most significant setback was Bumrah — the standout performer throughout the series — missing a Test and a half
- Jadeja's future too has come under focus after mediocre scores at No. 6
- Jaiswal, one of the few top-order batters to return from Australia with his reputation enhanced, and the young duo of Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington could form the core group going forward, along with Rahul, and Pant

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Ejipura flyover deadline extended again till Dec.

BSCPL Infrastructure Ltd., the second firm to be awarded the contract, fails to meet the target

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The 2.5-km-long flyover that connects Kendriya Sadan in Koramangala to Ejipura has been held up for several years now. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

The wait for the Ejipura flyover is going to get longer. The company presently tasked with completing the work was expected to finish it by February. However, the deadline has now again been extended to December 2025.

The 2.5-km-long flyover that connects Kendriya Sadan in Koramangala to Ejipura has been held up for several years now. The city-based BSCPL Infrastructure Ltd., the second company to be awarded the contract, has also failed to meet targets. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during his city rounds in May 2024 inspected the flyover work and directed civic officials to issue notice to the company over delay in work.

Then too, the company failed to meet targets. Even as the civic body paid the company ₹20 crore, it has finished work worth only ₹10 crore. This prompted the BBMP to write to the State government seeking directions on whether they should terminate the contract to the company. But in what has raised eyebrows, the State government asked the civic body to continue work with the same company. "The State government is of the opinion that termination of the contract now would lead to further delay as the BBMP has to yet again start the tender process. The company has been issued a stern warning and will be given one last chance to finish the work within the fresh deadline," the official said.

The firm has so far completed less than 10% of the work, sources in the BBMP said. It roped in the firm floating the tender for the third time, first being in 2017. In the last seven years, merely 50% of work on the flyover was completed. Contract to Simplex Infrastructure Ltd., which bagged the contract in 2017, was terminated after the firm ran into financial trouble. The BBMP's second tender in 2022 did not have any takers owing to cost issues. In the third attempt, the contract was awarded to BSCPL Infrastructure Ltd.

The total cost of the project at present is pegged at ₹275 crore, accounting for cost escalation.

BBMP seeks power to directly issue khata to DC-converted land

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The BBMP Chief Commissioner said on Tuesday that the civic body will not issue khata for such land without the approval of BDA

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has written to the State government asking it to delegate powers to the civic body to directly issue khata to DC-converted land parcels up to five acres.

This comes in the backdrop of BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath issuing a fresh circular on Tuesday that landowners have to now get an approval from the competent authority in BDA to get 'A' Khata from the civic body for land parcels that are converted to non-agricultural use but not developed into layouts. In the circular, Mr. Giri Nath said that BBMP will not issue new khata or execute bifurcation of khata for such lands without the approval of BDA, henceforth.

He said the law mandates such a prior approval from the BDA under Section 14 of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning (KTCP) Act, 1961. Only after this approval will the BBMP issue khata. The same is applicable to bifurcation of khata as well under Section 17 of the KTCP Act, 1961.

Mr. Giri Nath talking to *The Hindu* said at present, the BDA is the competent authority to grant approval for converted land parcels in BBMP limits. However, the BBMP has written to the State government to delegate the power to the civic body. "The government is discussing the request," he said.

Besides for the single-unit or multi-unit buildings established on converted land, the BBMP will issue A or B khata if the applicant has approval from BDA, OC from competent authority, and other requirements are met. The BBMP can also issue khata for buildings on converted lands which do not have approval from the BDA but have availed BWSSB and Bescom connection on or before September 30, 2024.

Forest Dept. intensifies leopard combing operation on Mysuru Infosys campus

Forest Department staff scouring the Infosys campus for the elusive leopard, in Mysuru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Forest Department has intensified its combing operation to trace a leopard on the prowl on the Infosys campus here even as work from home and online training option for the staff and trainees continues to remain in place.

Sources said that the software major has decided to move out the nearly 5,000 trainees on its campus here to facilitate the combing operations and also in the interest of their collective safety.

They said trainees would switch to online mode of training from Monday and were expected to be back only after a fortnight but there was no official confirmation from the company. The leopard was sighted in the early hours of December 31 last year and employees had shifted to online and work-from-home since then.

The Forest Department has deployed personnel from the Leopard Task Force to track the animal but in vain though pug marks were found a few days ago. Besides, multiple units of camera traps have been installed in addition to placing cages at vantage points in a bid to trap the elusive leopard.

The authorities have also deployed thermal drone and are monitoring CCTV camera footages in their bid to track the leopard apart from conducing regular combing operations.

Move to transfer authority to disburse pay of govt. staff to district-level officers opposed

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Drawing and Disbursing Officers across the State, who fear their jobs will become redundant, have petitioned the Governor and the CM to drop the proposal

There has been strong opposition to the State government's move to transfer the authority to draw and disburse salaries and allowances of State government employees from the Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) at the taluk level to the Controlling Officer (CO) of the department concerned at the district-level.

The State government implemented this system on a pilot basis in the Treasury Department in September and has announced that it will soon be extended to all departments across the State. However, DDOs across the State, who fear their jobs will become redundant, have petitioned the Governor and the Chief Minister, appealing to them to drop the proposal.

Explaining the rationale behind the move, a senior official in the government said that the move follows confusion and delays in drawing and disbursal of salaries by DDOs. "According to Section-80 (b) of the Karnataka Financial Code, the salaries and allowances of government employees for the remaining months are distributed on the last working date of the respective month, except for the month of March, when the financial year closes. But there have been several complaints about delay in salaries and other allowances being credited to employees by DDOs, which prompted this move," the official said. This will also provide greater budgetary control, account coordination and will reduce the volume of bills, the order issued in September further said.

Against decentralisation

DDOs now plan to launch a State-wide campaign against the move, who say it is "against the principle of administrative and financial decentralisation as envisaged in the Constitution." They have also claimed that the delay in disbursing salaries and allowances to employees is due to the lack of funds, and not due to dereliction of duty.

They have also argued that if district-level COs are given charge of disbursal of salaries and allowances, employees in taluks will be forced to make frequent trips to the district headquarters, even for small clarifications and issues. "If the government goes ahead and implements this decision across the State, we will launch an agitation," a DDO, who did not wish to be named, said.

Close shave

A building was damaged in an explosion caused by suspected gas leak at a fast food joint at MSR Nagar, Bengaluru, on Thursday morning. No casualties were reported. The Sadashivanagar police and officials from the Fire and Emergency Services visited the spot . SUDHAKARA JAIN

Actor Kishore is brand ambassador of BIFFes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Actor Kishore has been named as the brand ambassador for the 16th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes).

Announcing this, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said: "Mr. Kishore embodies the festival's theme of Sarva Janangada Shantiya Thota."

The film festival will be held from March 1 to 8. Over 200 films from across 60 countries will be screened across 13 screens during the festival.

Mr. Kishore, a multiple-award winning actor who has portrayed prominent roles in Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu, recently starred in Rajinikanth's *Vettaiyan*.

4 dead as KSRTC bus collides with lorries

The Hindu Bureau
RANIPET

A KSRTC bus collided with two lorries in Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Four persons, including two pilgrims hailing from Kolar district in Karnataka, were killed when a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus collided with two lorries on the Old Madras-Bangalore Road near SIPCOT in Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, in the early hours of Thursday.

The police said the deceased have been identified as N. Somashekar, 30, and V. Krishnappa, 65, – both pilgrims from Kolar – and V. Manjunath, 32, and S. Shankara, 32, the driver and cleaner, respectively, of one of the lorries that was carrying a vegetable consignment from Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.

According to the police, S. Narayanaswamy, 38, a resident in Kolar, had organised a pilgrimage for 120 persons from Singhahalli village to the Melmaruvathur Adi Parasakthi temple near Chennai.

Tickets were booked on four KSRTC buses for the same. The pilgrims were returning from Melmaruvathur when the driver of one of KSRTC buses reportedly tried to overtake a lorry to catch up with the other three buses and collided with another lorry carrying vegetables, coming from the opposite direction.

The lorry behind the bus also collided with it.

The patrol police and other motorists shifted the injured persons to the Government Taluk Hospital in Walajah town. Ranipet SIPCOT police roped in cranes to remove the mangled vehicles from the road.

The four bodies were sent to a government hospital for postmortem examination.

Ranipet Collector J. U. Chandra Kala and Superintendent of Police Vivekananda Shukla inspected the spot and met the injured persons.

A case has been registered by the Ranipet SIPCOT police and further investigation is under way.

Two children killed, two injured in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A five year-old boy and three-year-old girl were killed and two others severely injured when a speeding KSRTC bus knocked their scooter on the outskirts of Ramanagara on Thursday morning.

The deceased have been identified as Pradeep and Bhavya from Denkanikote in Tamil Nadu and had come to visit their relative for a holiday.

According to the police, Govinda, a relative of the children, working in a poultry farm, was heading to the shop with his assistant Madhu and the childen.

Severe injuries

The KSRTC bus, moving towards Kanakapura, knocked down the scooter. While the children were crushed to death, Govinda and Madhu sustained severe injuries and are being treated in the ICU.

The Ramanagara rural traffic police have registered a case for causing death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving against the driver.

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A worrying trend is emerging among Indian youth, with a noticeable increase in heart attacks reported in many young people. This alarming phenomenon is linked to several factors, including intense workout routines without proper guidance, overemphasis on rapid muscle gain through the use of performance-enhancing supplements, and inadequate attention to pre-existing health conditions. To highlight the urgent need for proper education on safe workout practices United Hospital, Jayanagar, Bengaluru brings you Physical Activity Readiness Package which gives you the foundation you need to begin your fitness regime. The health check-up includes a PAR Questionnaire (based on American college of sports medicine), blood checkup and cardiac screening tests. Through personalized guidance you will receive advice from our team of cardiologists and dieticians who will help you identify what is a safe and effective starting pace for your workouts which will be viable in long run. The package also includes CT Calcium Scoring test on a 384 slice high end AI enabled scanner, a non-invasive scan that detect the amount of calcium in your coronary arteries that is a sign of plaque buildup. This new year make your fitness resolution a sustainable part of your lifestyle! This is your chance to invest in your health and achieve your fitness dreams.

Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA) and AceMicromatic Group sign five-year MoU to sponsor National Productivity Summit

IMTMA and AceMicromatic Group have entered into a strategic partnership for productivity excellence in manufacturing, have partnered to host National Productivity Summit since 2015. Continuing its partnership with IMTMA, AceMicromatic Group will sponsor the National Productivity Summit for a term of five years from 2025 onwards. IMTMA-AceMicromatic Awards are conferred to companies that have championed the cause of productivity and enhanced competitiveness in manufacturing. The signing ceremony was held on 6 January 2025 at AceMicromatic Group premises in the presence of Mr. Jibak Dasgupta, Director General & CEO, IMTMA, and Mr. T.K. Ramesh, MD, ACE Designers Limited. Both organizations promised a shared commitment to advance excellence and collaboration that would benefit the manufacturing fraternity. Mr. Rajendra S. Rajamane, President, IMTMA said, "This MoU marks a new chapter in the partnership between IMTMA and AceMicromatic Group which will help bring greater value to the National Productivity Summit in the years to come." Mr. Jibak Dasgupta, Director General & CEO, IMTMA said, "IMTMA is delighted to continue its engagement with AceMicromatic Group. The MoU will promote productivity excellence, benefitting the manufacturing community." I hope everyone likes it."

Dr M N Chennabasappa condolences – Siddaganga Institute of Technology

Recently Dr M N Chennabasappa(95) passed away due to ill health. He dedicated his life to Siddaganga Institute of Technology. He studied at Siddaganga Gurukal from 1941 ti 1955. He completed BSc graduation in Physics and mathematics. In 1957, he did his Masters at Banaras Hindu University with First Class and First Rank. He did his Ph.D in Mathematics from IIT Delhi (1967). He was Principal, S.I.T., Tumkur (1991 - 3rd Aug. 2006). Presently, he was working as Director, S.I.T., Tumkur from 4th Aug 2006. Secretary, Principal and the staff conveyed their Condolences.

According to the IOC, screening and health evaluation are the only ways to reduce the incidence of cardiovascular accidents. FILE PHOTO

'Periodic screening' required to avert sudden cardiac deaths in athletes

During vigorous physical activity, there is a substantial increase in sympathetic nervous system activity. In predisposed individuals, this surge can trigger arrhythmias and potentially lead to sudden cardiac arrest. Understanding this mechanism is crucial for prevention and risk assessment.

Lakshmi Sundar

Exercise is a vital tool for promoting health and well-being. It improves cardiovascular risk factors like lipid levels, hypertension, insulin sensitivity, and weight. Multiple studies have established a positive correlation between moderate aerobic exercise and reduced risk of coronary artery disease. However, instances of sudden cardiac death (SCD) in athletes, while rare, remain a significant concern that requires careful attention and preventive measures.

SCD is defined as a sudden, unexpected death due to cardiac causes or sudden death in a structurally normal heart with no other explanation and a history consistent with cardiac-related death. The most common cause of SCD is sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), characterised by an unexpected circulatory arrest typically due to cardiac arrhythmia, occurring within an hour of symptom onset. SCA may be reversible with prompt medical intervention, particularly defibrillation.

SCD in athletes draws unwanted media attention and emotionally affects the athlete and the family. An activity that is normally associated with health can draw negative attention.

What does exercise do?

What happens during exercise? During vigorous physical activity, there is a substantial increase in sympathetic nervous system activity. In predisposed individuals, this surge can trigger arrhythmias and potentially lead to sudden cardiac arrest. Understanding this mechanism is crucial for prevention and risk assessment.

The risk factors for SCA and SCD include coronary artery disease, a genetic predisposition, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and arrhythmias; pre-existing heart conditions, weight issues, high-intensity exercise without proper training, a history of smoking (current or past), and increased ambient temperature.

According to International Olympic Committee recommendations, pre-participation screening and periodic health evaluation are the only ways to reduce the incidence of cardiovascular accidents and other injuries in athletes.

Elite athletes and people in competitive sports who perform at the highest level are not exempt from cardiovascular incidents on the field. Although the incidence is low, hereditary and congenital abnormalities of the heart are the leading cause of non-accidental deaths in young athletes.

The World Athletics Health and Science Department, based on IOC guidelines, recommends a pre-participation medical evaluation (PPME) at the start of the season for athletes in competitive sports. This includes personal history, family history, physical examination, and 12-lead resting ECG. Those with a positive history or findings will be further evaluated with an echo cardiogram, ambulatory ECG, stress testing, or cardiac MRI, as the case may be.

A study conducted on the benefits of PPME demonstrated a drop in the incidence of SCD by 90% in young athletes from 3.6/100,000 person-years to 0.4/100,000 person-years. They also found that most of the deaths in athletes under 35 years are due to congenital or acquired cardiac malformations. In the middle-aged population it is due to undiagnosed coronary artery disease.

This kind of screening may not be possible in mass endurance events where the majority of participants are recreational athletes. As event organisers, the registration form for such events could carry specific questions that could identify at-risk individuals. Such individuals could be asked to get a thorough assessment to be done by their physician before the event. Medical bibs could be distributed to help identify athletes at risk.

Despite screening, sudden cardiac arrest may be challenging to predict. But evidence points to excellent survival rates after arrest in this group when appropriate resuscitation is started promptly. For every minute delay, there is a 7% decreased chance of survival. Personnel trained in CPR and access to defibrillators on the route and at sports venues are crucial in reducing the incidence of sudden cardiac death. It is essential for race organisers to have a medical team and plan in place for events with mass participation. The goal isn't just to identify risk – it's to create pathways for safe participation whenever possible.

Health evaluations

The onus just doesn't lie on the organisers. As athletes, competitive or recreational, it is important to have periodic health evaluations. A metabolic panel with a 12-lead ECG is sufficient as step 1. The ECG needs to be read by a trained physician who is aware of the physiological and structural adaptations in the heart of an athlete. There is no benefit in doing an echocardiogram or cardiac MRI as a primary prevention tool.

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Athletes should also be honest in providing correct medical information.

Although SCD is rare, it is a traumatic event that has a significant impact on society. Exercise is health-promoting and the benefits for physical and mental well-being far outweigh the risks. The risk of sudden cardiac death is higher in those with pre-existing conditions, and hence it is important that exercise be carried out under supervision or with the help of a trained coach. While sudden cardiac events in sports are concerning, they shouldn't prevent us from embracing the profound benefits of physical activity.

Through thoughtful preparation, supportive communities, and responsive care systems, we can create environments where everyone can pursue their athletic aspirations safely. By combining evidence-based preventive measures and responsible training with compassionate support systems, we can help ensure that sports remain a source of health, joy, and community for all participants.

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Participants in the Chennai Marathon 2025 which was held last Sunday. RAGU R

Medical tents keep marathon runners out of the danger zone

Sahana Mira S

A marathon is not a run in the park, it comes with its levels of difficulty for the athletes, but also for the organisers. A great deal of preparation is required to iron out the logistics. During the race, medical management is the only thing that stands between euphoria and a possible tragedy.

Over 25,000 runners laced up at 3 a.m. for the Chennai Marathon, hosted by Chennai Runners on Sunday. There were many first-timers amongst this number who took the 10 km route from Napier Bridge. Seasoned runners tackled the half marathon and the full 42 km run, concluding at the Indian Maritime University (IMU) on East Coast Road. But between the adrenaline and the cheers, there were a few incidents, which were handled by race medical director Lakshmi Sundar and her squad of first responders and doctors spread across all 8 zones the run covered.

Dr. Sundar said that the medical team had prepared for various levels of health support, with some zones focusing on minor issues that were treated with ice packs and foot elevation, and some on non-critical care too, while the third level was emergency life support. On reaching the Indian Maritime University, the medical team dealt with the kind of emergencies that accompany long-distance running, such as hyperthermia (elevated body temperature) and hyponatremia (low sodium levels).

Dr Sundar identified a case involving severe hyperthermia. A runner who had completed her race was brought to the tent showing signs of disorientation. The medical team immersed her in a complete ice water bath, leaving her head exposed outside the tub, to cool her core temperature. Once stabilised, she was transferred to an emergency bed, dried off and left the venue an hour later.

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The medical tent at IMU was equipped with critical care and non critical care beds, buckets of ice, and an ice water bath, alongside doctors with an AED defibrillator. Other incidents on the day included runners who fell on the Adyar Bridge and suffered open wounds that were treated at the tent. Another runner who felt discomfort abandoned the race and was monitored using an ECG.

There were many cases of cramping, but with buckets of ice, they were able to get back on the road. The first responders also provided salt to runners in the tent experiencing dizziness due to dropping levels of sodium in the blood.

The doctors observed that participants in the 10-km run, many of whom were new to running, experienced mostly minor injuries. This was partly because of the lack of preparation – some runners hadn't eaten properly before the race, while others overhydrated. Doctors attending to the initial zones of the 10-km run, including assistant race medical director Erika Patel and lead doctor Tamil Anbu, treated cases of nausea, sprain, ankle inflammation, and falls. (sahana.mira@thehindu.co.in)

Let medical reasons guide decisions to perform hysterectomies, say specialists

Ramya Kannan

National attention has been sought and secured on the conduct of caesarean sections , pointing out a possible excess. The likely reliance on more than medical factors to perform the procedure has also become an issue. Calls to regulate have been loud and purposeful, particularly recently in Karnataka. But activists also point to hysterectomies, raising the question of whether such procedures are being done only when warranted.

Does the social and economic status of a woman impact the decision to perform a hysterectomy? What are the factors that truly influence the decision in health care settings in the country?

A study of National Family Health Survey-4 data on hysterectomies revealed that on either end of the income and literacy spectrum, more women were undergoing surgery to remove the uterus.

In an article *Hysterectomy across Different Occupational Groups of Women in India: A Cross-sectional Study,* recently published in the *Journal of Medical Evidence (AIIMS Rishikesh Journal),* authors Gaurav Gunnal and Sudeshna Roy (from the Department of Biostatistics, International Institute for Population Sciences) recorded that while five in every 100 women had undergone a hysterectomy, it was more likely to be high among agricultural workers in India and women in high-income groups.

Dual trend

"Our paper indicated a dual trend where women from both ends of the wealth/education spectrum exhibit a tendency to undergo hysterectomies, though for different reasons and under distinct circumstances," said Mr. Gunnal.

For women agricultural workers limited awareness of sexual and reproductive health, delayed treatment of gynaecological issues, and poor hygiene are primary causative factors.

"In addition, we need to factor in menstrual taboos, the physical burden of labour-intensive agricultural work, and a desire to eliminate menstruation-related disruptions to their productivity when it comes to these women."

The authors point out that financial incentives through public health insurance schemes sometimes enable access to hysterectomies. Also significant is the lack of alternative treatment options and counselling, which further pushes these women toward hysterectomy.

Ms. Roy points out that on the other side of the spectrum, women in the highest wealth quintile also tend to have more hysterectomies since they are able to afford the expense.

Surgery the last option

Hrishikesh Pai, past president, Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India, says the bottom line is that every woman should get the right treatment.

"Any medical treatment starts with conservative management; only if that fails do we look at minimally invasive interventions; surgery is the last option," he says. Dr. Pai was on the committee that drew up guidelines for conducting hysterectomies and fixed the protocol and standardised algorithms for the treatments.

"What is important is to maintain equity of care for all. We must give the same treatment to all women, but we are not able to do so. Clearly the yardstick is not merely clinical, it involves the social and economic as well. However, we are doing well – regulations are in place – and monitoring is important in order to ensure that no woman gets treatment that she does not need," Dr. Pai emphasises.

Last year, the Supreme Court urged states and union territories to implement guidelines to monitor "unnecessary" hysterectomies within three months. This followed a public interest litigation that alleged "unnecessary hysterectomies" were carried out in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana.

Excessive bleeding

Excessive menstrual bleeding was the most common underlying condition for undergoing hysterectomy, many studies have shown.

"Ultimately, it is when the patient comes to us that decides what kind of treatment can be started," says N. S. Kanimozhi, obstetrician and gynaecologist and founder of Thaimai Hospital, Chennai. There already exists a rural-urban divide in terms of when women report problems, she adds.

"In our experience, we find that sometimes women only notice they have a problem after they have fainted. They do not think excessive bleeding is abnormal. There is a fainting episode after which they are forced to seek care."

"The immediate task is to treat the anaemia and narrow down on the basic cause – if there are fibroids or cysts. We then put them on drugs, oral contraceptives, and if this does not work, we start procedures such as endometrial ablation, and hormonal Intra Uterine Device insertions. It is only when all this fails that we need to schedule a hysterectomy," Dr. Kanimozhi explains.

She said with modern devices, it is now possible to do minimally invasive hysterectomies, and open surgery is rare. In her opinion, the baseline for determining the course of treatment should be the condition of the patient, and the doctor must be satisfied that the only option left is to perform a hysterectomy. (ramya.kannan@thehindu.co.in)

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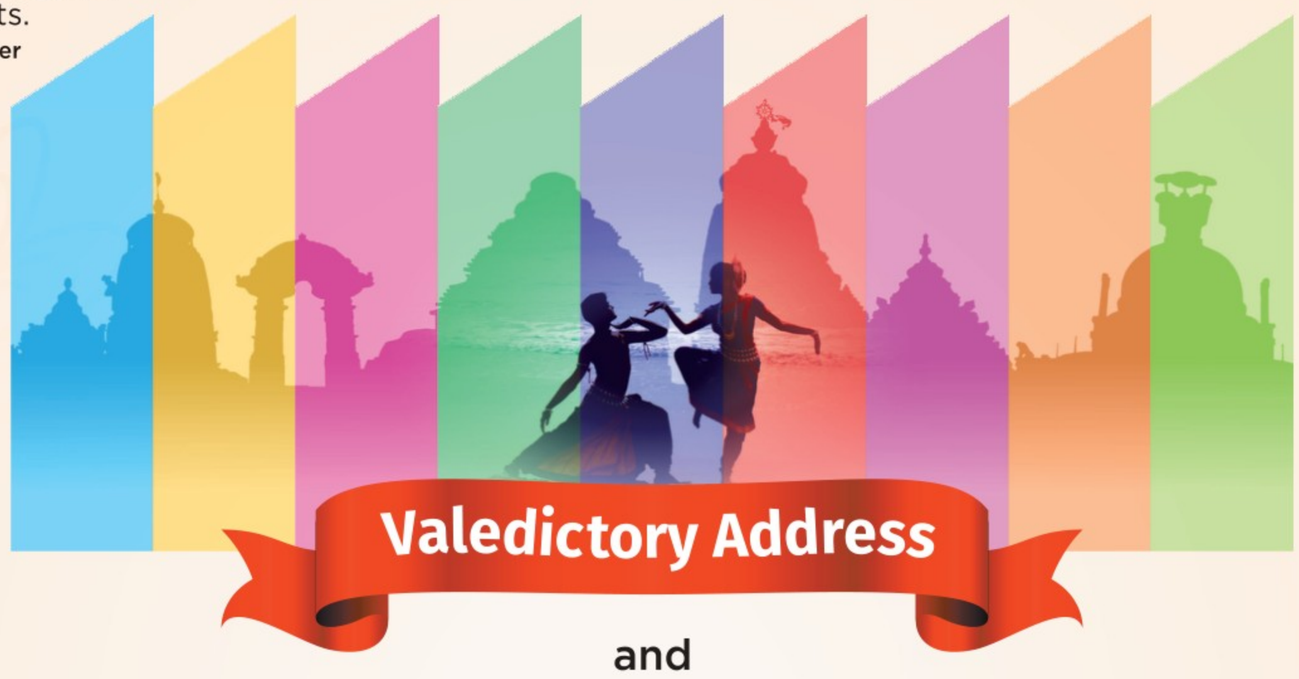

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A call from service station leads Chintamani police to 28-year-old habitual bike thief

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Police recover 11 bikes stolen by Bangarappa from Malur, Kolar, Chintamani, Attibele

A phone call made by the staff of a service centre to the owner of a motorcycle helped the Chintamani police nab a 28-year-old habitual vehicle thief involved in 11 bike thefts.

The accused identified as Bangarappa, a daily wage labourer by day and vehicle thief by night, had stolen a bike from NR Layout in Chintamani on December 18. He later took it to Madanapalli and sold it for ₹10,000 without documents.

The purchaser took the bike to the service centre in Madanapalli for overhauling and asked the staff to call him when it was ready. However, the staff misplaced his contact number and after service and called the original owner's number obtained after checking the registration number plate.

The genuine owner of the bike was shocked when the service centre staff from Madanapalli told him to take the bike. He obtained the address and rushed to Madanapalli along with the police who track down the person who purchased the bike and traced Bangarappa.

Based on his confession, the police recovered as many as 11 bikes which he had stolen from Malur, Kolar, Chintamani, and Attibele police station limits worth over ₹6 lakh. The accused also used to steal brass locks from houses and sell them, the police said.

Three-day Sankranti music festival from January 14

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Vidwan R.K. Srikantan Trust will hold the 29th Annual Sankranti Music Festival, a three-day event from January 14.

The inaugural programme on Tuesday will feature a solo percussion by T.V. Gopalakrishnan at 7.15 p.m., followed by vocal by Rudrapatnam S. Ramakanth and party.

On January 15, the event will begin with flute by B.K. Ananthram and party at 5 p.m.; the second day's programme will conclude with a vocal by Sampagodu Vignaraja and team from 7 p.m. The concluding day's concert on January 16 will feature a vocal concert by Jayanthi Sridhar from Chennai from 5 p.m. The festival will end with a vocal by Maharajapuram Ganesh Vishwanathan from Chennai from 7 p.m.

It will be held at Seva Sadhana, 14th Cross, West Park Road, Malleswaram.

Bannerghatta Biological Park to remain open on Jan. 14

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The Bannerghatta Biological Park will remain open to the public on January 14. The decision has been made to accommodate the Makar Sankranti holiday, allowing visitors to enjoy the park's attractions. Tickets can be bought online.

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Small changes boosts efficacy of piezoceramics: IISc study

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Piezoelectric materials are suitable for applications from ultrasound imaging in hospitals to actuators in missiles

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and their collaborators in a new study have revealed that the efficacy of a commonly-used piezoelectric ceramic material can be dramatically increased just by reducing its thickness.

Piezoelectric materials are suitable for wide-ranging applications, from ultrasound imaging in hospitals to actuators in guided missiles. "Piezoelectric materials deform (stretch or contract) when an electric field is applied. Single crystals of some synthetic piezoelectrics show large longitudinal electrostrain (>1%), a value that indicates how much the material deforms in the direction of the field. But such materials are rare, and mass-producing single crystals is costly. They are therefore used only for niche applications," IISc said.

For most commercial applications, the more economical polycrystalline piezoelectric ceramics are used. However, these show much lower longitudinal strain (0.2-0.4%).

"The maximum electrostrain reported in polycrystalline lead-free piezoelectrics is 0.7%. Our intention was to increase the strain beyond this," said Gobinda Das Adhikary, first author and former PhD student at the Department of Materials Engineering (MatE), IISc.

IISc added that every grain in a piezoceramic contains spontaneously polarised regions called domains that switch their orientation towards the electric field in tandem, causing the material to deform as a whole.

Grains near the surface of the material are better at deforming because they are freer, whereas deep inside, they are more tightly bound by other grains from all sides and find it difficult to deform. In commonly-used piezoceramic discs (typically 10 mm in diameter and 1 mm thick) most grains deform very less, resulting in an overall low longitudinal strain, said Rajeev Ranjan, Professor at MatE and corresponding author.

While tweaking the size and shape of a widely-known piezoceramic called PZT (lead zirconate titanate), Ranjan's team discovered that when the thickness of a circular PZT disc was reduced from 0.7 mm to 0.2 mm, its electrostrain jumped from 0.3% to 1%.

Regional Pension Adalat on January 17

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The Office of the Postmaster General, Bengaluru Region, will conduct its half-yearly Regional Pension Adalat on January 17 at 11.30 a.m. The event will take place at the Postmaster General's office, located on Palace Road, Bengaluru.

The Department of Posts, Bengaluru Headquarters Region, organises the Pension Adalat for pensioners and family pensioners who have retired from the Department of Posts.

The adalat will address any grievances or issues related to pension matters. Pensioners with unresolved issues are invited to submit their representations to the Postmaster General, Bengaluru Headquarters Region, by January 13. For details, call 080-22392587

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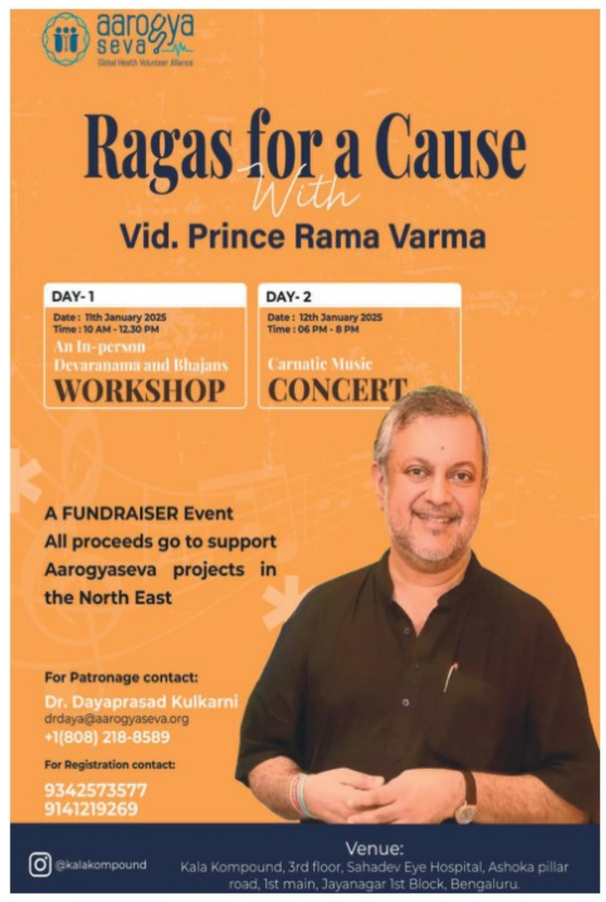
Chef Byrajanda Biddappa - culinary journey to the top

Byrajanda Biddappa, an emerging and highly sought-after chef from Coorg (Karnataka) is making waves in the culinary world with his unique blend of Indian heritage and global techniques. Inspired by his mother's exceptional cooking and captivated by MasterChef Australia during his childhood, Biddappa's journey to the top has been anything but conventional.

Biddappa initially pursued aerospace engineering before discovering his true calling in the kitchen. Determined to turn his passion into a profession, he apprenticed under Chef Kavan Kuttappa and later graduated from the prestigious WGSHA Manipal, one of India's leading culinary schools.

Biddappa quickly earned a reputation as a rising star, working with India's most celebrated chefs like Shahzad Hussein at O Pedro, Mumbai, and Kavan Kuttappa at Permit Room, Bangalore. His drive to master global cuisines took him to Paris, where he trained in French cuisine and pastry at the illustrious FERRANDI culinary school (2021-2022). This led to a coveted role as Demi Chef de Partie at the Michelin-starred Les Sources de Cheverny in France. Currently, Chef Biddappa is elevating his career at Eleven Madison Park in New York, the world's only three-Michelin-star vegan restaurant. Renowned as a trailblazer in modern gastronomy, the restaurant is a fitting stage for Biddappa's talent and innovation.

With his refined techniques, international experience, and deep-rooted passion, Byrajanda Biddappa is positioning himself as one of the most exciting new names in the culinary world, earning admiration from peers and diners alike.



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73 In $ million. The appeal has been made as the country transitions after years of civil war and decades of dictatorship. The UN International Organization for Migration said it was more than doubling an appeal launched last month for Syria, from $30 million to $73.2 million. AFP

Fatalities of Myanmar junta's air strike in the western Rakhine state

40 The Arakan Army is engaged in a fierce fight with the military for control of Rakhine, where it has seized swathes of territory in the past year, all but cutting off the capital Sittwe. The UN said that more than 3.5 million people have been displaced by the conflict in Myanmar. AFP

The Palestinians killed in the Israel-Hamas war so far

46,000 Children and women make up more than half the fatalities. The Israeli military says it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence. It says it tries to avoid harming civilians. PTI

The oldest ice core from the Antarctic which has been drilled

1.2 million years. An international team of scientists announced that they've drilled one of the oldest ice cores yet, penetrating nearly two miles of the Antarctic bedrock to reach ice they say is at least 1.2 million years old. Analysis of the ice is expected to show how atmosphere and climate evolved. PTI

Number of special invitees for the 76th Republic Day parade

10,000 Handloom artists, members of the Paralympic contingent, and forest and wildlife conservation workers are among the special guests invited to the parade. PTI

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Decoding India's growth slowdown

The official diminution of India's projected GDP growth rate may still be an underestimation of the extent of economic slowdown. The revenue mobilisation strategy needs to be reworked to enhance taxation on wealth and profits in order to enhance capex and welfare spending

ECONOMIC NOTES

Prasenjit Bose
Soumyadeep Biswas

The first advance estimates of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2024-25, released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) this week, shows a decline in the real GDP growth rate to 6.4% from 8.2% registered in 2023-24. This is lower than the 6.5 to 7% range projected by the Economic Survey in July 2024. The growth rate of nominal GDP, which is the sum of the real GDP growth rate and the overall inflation rate, is estimated at 9.7% in 2024-25 – significantly lower than the 10.5% growth rate projected in the last Union Budget.

Economic blues

From 2022-23 to 2024-25, real GDP and investment have grown at an annual average rate of 7.2% each and private consumption at 6%. Post-pandemic, there has been one percentage point increase in the annual average growth rate of real investment. Therefore, there is absolutely no indication of any structural break in the investment behaviour of the private corporate sector so far under the 11 years of NDA rule

Chart 1: GDP deflator, CPI and WPI inflation rate (annual average) in %

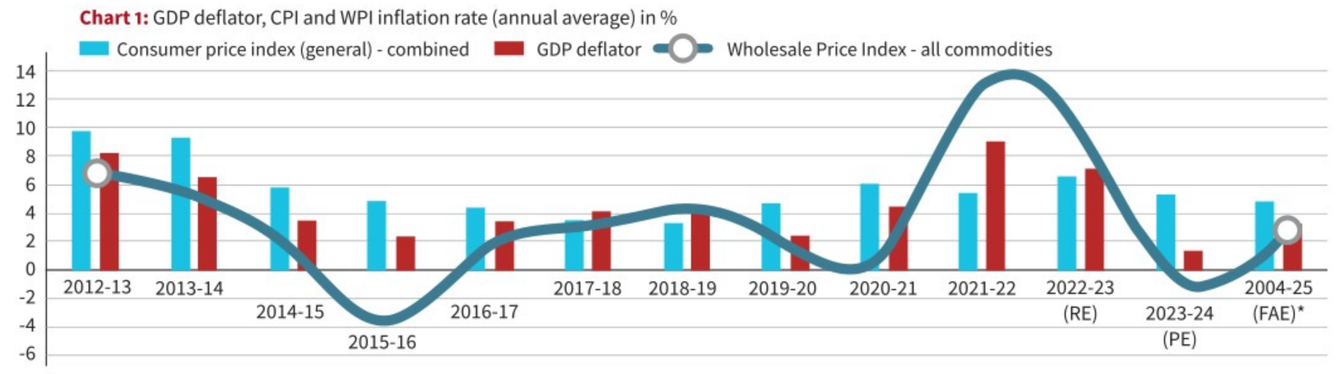

Chart 2: Annual growth rates of GDP, GFCF and PFCE at constant prices in %

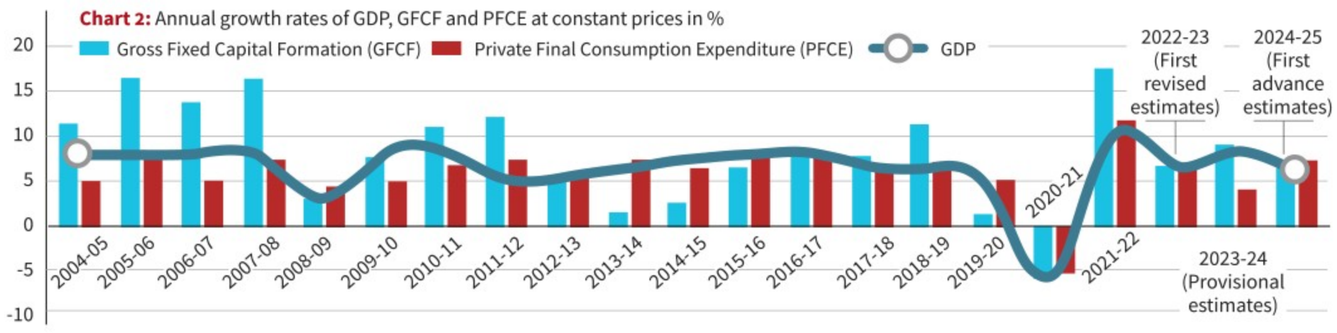

Chart 3: Quarterly (Y-o-Y) growth rates of sectoral gross value added at constant prices in %

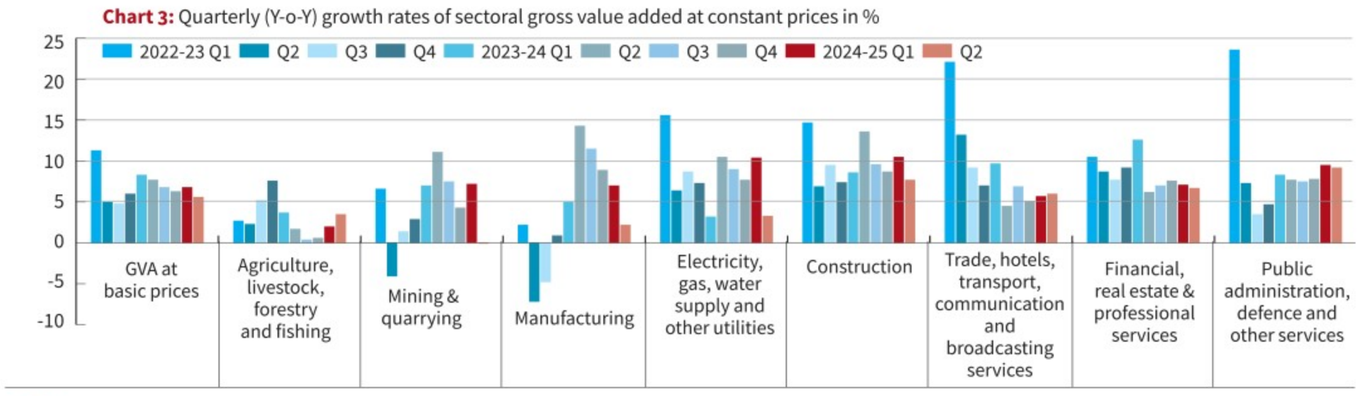

Table 1: Union Government's accounts: revenue and expenditure heads at the end of November 2023 and 2024

	Centre's net tax revenue		Centre's non-tax revenue		Capital expenditure		Revenue expenditure	
	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25
Budget estimates (BE) (₹crore)	23,30,631	25,83,499	3,01,650	5,45,701	10,00,961	11,11,111	35,02,136	37,09,401
April to November (₹crore)	14,35,755	14,43,435	2,84,365	4,27,020	5,85,645	5,13,500	20,66,522	22,27,502
% of Budget estimate (April to November)	61.6	55.9	94.3	78.3	58.5	46.2	59.0	60.1
% of Budget estimate (April to March)	99.8	n.a.	133.2	n.a.	94.8	n.a.	99.76	n.a.

Source: Source: Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, NSO, MoS&PI, GoI; DPIIT, MoC&I, National Accounts Statistics 2024 & First Advance Estimates of GDP for 2024-25.

Data discrepancies

The official diminution of India's projected GDP growth rate may still be an underestimation of the extent of economic slowdown. Academics and institutional experts have consistently pointed out serious defects in the official GDP estimates, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recommending an upgrade of the real sector statistics. An "Informational Annex" to the 2023 IMF Staff consultation report on India had inter alia noted that, "...the compilation of constant price GDP deviate from the conceptual requirements of the national accounts, in part due to the use of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) as a deflator for many economic activities. The appropriate price to deflate GDP by type of activity is the Producer Price Index (PPI), which is under development. Large revisions to historical series, the relatively short time span of the revised series, major discrepancies between GDP by activity and GDP by expenditure, and the lack of official seasonally-adjusted quarterly GDP series complicate analysis. Together, these weaknesses make it challenging to monitor high frequency trends in India's economy through official statistics, particularly from the demand side." The estimation of real or constant price GDP requires the use of a GDP deflator to estimate values of GDP components in constant prices. The GDP deflator being used in India's official estimates is a weighted average of wholesale and retail price indices. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI), 2011-12 series has shown high volatility over the past decade, leading to inexplicably large divergences between the WPI and CPI inflation rates (Chart 1). This has had serious implications for the accuracy of the GDP deflator and real GDP estimates.

For instance, the nominal GDP growth rate was estimated at 14.2% in 2022-23 and 9.6% in 2023-24, which indicated a sharp decline in growth. However, the real GDP growth rate was estimated to have grown from 7.0% to 8.2%, indicating growth acceleration. This implied that the GDP deflator was only 1.4% in 2023-24, even as retail inflation was at 5.4%, because the WPI inflation rate was estimated to have fallen from a high of 9.4% in 2022-23 to a negative of -0.7% in 2023-24. In short, because of high volatility in the WPI, the nominal GDP estimate showed a growth deceleration in 2023-24 but the real GDP estimate reflected growth acceleration. Such anomalous and confounding data on macroeconomic fundamentals invariably lead to delusions and policy errors.

Elusive private investment

Tabled a day ahead of the Union Budget last July, the Economic Survey 2023-24 had taken comfort in the 8.2% growth in real GDP and indicated a vigorous expansion of investment by the private-sector. Yet, the Chief Economic Advisor had asked whether the corporate sector responded positively to the tax cuts of September 2019, and complained about sluggish corporate investments in machinery and equipment and intellectual property products. He criticised the disproportionate allocation of gross fixed capital formation (investment) in the private sector to "dwellings, other buildings and structures" as an unhealthy mix.

Throwing such caution to the wind, the Union Budget relied entirely on a revival of the private corporate capex cycle to announce the 'Prime Minister's Package for Employment and Skilling' with an outlay of ₹2 trillion, aimed at benefiting 41 million youth over a five-year-period. The employment linked incentive/subsidy scheme and the internship programme for one crore youth in five years, were premised on the expectation of massive job creation, consequent to an acceleration of private corporate investment. The fiscal consolidation roadmap, whereby the fiscal deficit was projected to decline from 5.6% of GDP in 2023-24, to 4.9% in 2024-25 and 4.5% in 2025-26, was also announced with the budgetary expectation of the private sector taking a lead in the capital formation process. However, the latest GDP estimates have shown a significant decline in the growth of real gross fixed capital formation from 9% in 2023-24 to 6.4% in 2024-25. A longer view of India's growth trajectory over the past decade, even on the basis of exaggerated official national account estimates, shows the irrationality of official expectations.

During the 10 years of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) rule, between 2004-05 and 2013-14, the average annual growth of real GDP was at 6.8%, investment 10% and private consumption 6% (Chart 1). Between the onset of the present regime till the outbreak of the pandemic, that is, between 2014-15 and 2019-20, real GDP grew at an annual average rate of 6.8% (exactly similar to UPA), but real investment growth fell to 6.3% while private consumption growth increased to 6.8%. Thus, economic growth under NDA was not investment led, as was the case under UPA.

Moreover, during the UPA period, real growth in private investment was over 10%, above the growth of public sector investment at around 9% (Chart 2). Under NDA rule, till the pandemic, public investment in real terms grew faster at an average of 6.6% per year, than private investment which grew by 6.3%.

Investment, consumption and output had collapsed in 2020-21 owing to the lockdown induced recession. The recovery in 2021-22 was indeed led by private investment, but the spikes in the growth rates of investment, consumption and output were on account of base effect – it was simply a return to normalcy after the collapse in the preceding year. From 2022-23 to 2024-25, real GDP and investment have grown at an annual average rate of 7.2% each and private consumption at 6%. Post-pandemic there has been one percentage point increase in the annual average growth rate of real investment, and 0.8 percentage point decline in the annual average growth rate of private consumption.

Therefore, there is absolutely no indication of any structural break in the investment behaviour of the private corporate sector so far under the 11 years of NDA rule. The deep corporate tax cuts in September 2019 have failed to spur capital formation and real economic activity; rather it has only helped a short lived spurt in corporate earnings and fuelled a post-pandemic bubble in the equity market. In contrast, the advent of the UPA regime had led to a real investment and exports boom between 2004-05 till the financial crisis and global recession of 2008-09, which was facilitated both by a massive increase in industrial bank credit and significant foreign capital inflows. A similar private investment led boom has remained elusive under the NDA regime.

This testifies to the forgotten truth of political economy, that supposedly business friendly governments can deliver much wealth and profits for their cronies but are incapable of bringing about economy-wide structural changes and common prosperity.

Fiscal strains

The more reliable supply side data on the Indian economy reflects a more sober picture of economic recovery since the pandemic and the nature of the slowdown that has set in. Quarterly Gross Value Added (GVA) growth on a year-on-year basis has been on a downward slide since 2023-24 (Chart 3). The agriculture sector continues to show cyclical fluctuations. After showing double-digit growth in the two quarters of 2023-24, the growth rate of manufacturing GVA has been on a downslide. Slowdown is visible not only in the mining, power and construction sectors but also in services like retail trade, transport, communications, finance and real estate.

The only sector where GVA is projected to grow at a higher pace in 2024-25 than the previous year is public administration, defence and other services. This shows the crucial role of public spending in sustaining economic growth in the Indian economy. In this context, the monthly accounts of the Union Government further indicate that crucial revenue and expenditure targets set in the last Union Budget are likely to remain unachieved. While the windfall of a ₹2.11 trillion surplus transfer from the Reserve Bank of India has enabled the Union Government to mobilise over 78% of its non-tax revenue target for 2024-25 by November 2024, mobilisation of the Centre's net tax revenues between April to November 2024 was only 56% of the budgetary target of ₹25.83 trillion (Table 1). This has led to spending less than half of the ₹11.11 trillion, budgeted as capex for 2024-25 till November 2024.

It is clear that economic slowdown has disrupted budgetary plans by slowing down tax revenue growth. Adhering to the fiscal consolidation path would imply a squeeze on public spending, including capital expenditure, which in turn would further aggravate the slowdown. Jettisoning fiscal rectitude altogether is also not feasible, given the already elevated levels of public debt and interest payments. The only way out appears to be a reworking of the revenue mobilisation strategy by enhancing taxation on wealth and profits in order to enhance capex and welfare spending.

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Consumers demand affordable tariff petitions in Kannada from KERC

At present, tariff proposal document is available only in English and is full of jargon leading to difficulty in understanding it

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BENGALURU

The beginning of a New Year also marks the season of electricity tariff revision in Karnataka as all the electricity supply companies (Escoms) submit their tariff proposals to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), which then makes the applications public before revising the tariff. While this is supposed to help consumers file their objections against the proposed tariff, accessibility and language issues have made it difficult for them.

All electricity supply companies submit their tariff proposals to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission at the beginning of the New Year. FILE PHOTO

Once the news about the tariff proposal is published in newspapers and on public domain, consumers get 30 days' time to file their objections. But many allege that there is a delay in getting tariff proposal documents, which leads to consumers losing out on time to respond. There is also the fact that the tariff proposal document is available only in English and full of jargon leading to many not understanding the details of the document, especially in districts outside Bengaluru. Hegde Kadekodi is a consumer from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada district. "Let us start with this year's tariff petition of Hescom. It is 414-pages long and even those with electrical engineering degrees cannot understand the technical jargon. It will be useful if they can at least provide the summary of the petition in simple Kannada in around 10 pages. In Maharashtra, the documents are also provided in Marathi, but our electricity sector has conveniently forgotten Kannada," he lamented.

Consumers also say that physical copies of the documents are often expensive, and that they are only available in corporate offices. Kiran (name changed), a consumer from Bengaluru, said: "The price of the documents is generally ₹400- ₹500. Additionally, they are not available in sub-division offices, and we have to go to the corporate office of Bescom. Why should a common citizen spend so much money to exercise their rights?" "Owing to these reasons, no one comes to tariff petition hearings anymore. A few years ago, hundreds of people, including farmer leaders and politicians, used to attend the hearings."

When asked about the issues, KERC officials said to give easy access to everyone, the tariff petition documents are now uploaded on the websites of Escoms and KERC. "It is available in the public domain and anyone can access it and file objections. As for non-availability of the petition documents in Kannada, I will instruct the officials to make it available in Kannada," said P. Ravikumar, chairman, KERC.

However, consumers said that with the petition documents being hundreds of pages long, it is not possible to peruse it digitally. "Printing them will be expensive. To read and understand it digitally, we have to spend hours in front of the computer and these methods are not feasible," Mr. Kadekodi said.

Meanwhile, the Kannada Development Authority said that it will take cognisance of the matter. "While we regularly check the implementation and usage of Kannada in various government departments, this issue had not come to our notice. I will get the tariff petition documents, study them, and write to the respective officials asking for an explanation of why they are only issued in English," said Purshottama Bilimale, president of the authority.

State projected to have peak power demand this summer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The peak electricity demand in Karnataka for this year's summer is expected to reach an all-time high of 19,000 MW surpassing last year's record of 17,220 MW. Energy Minister K.J. George said that the State is fully prepared and has taken all measures to handle the demand.

The demand has been projected based on estimates from State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) and Power Corporation of Karnataka Ltd. by utilising AI for analysis. Mr. George on Thursday chaired a meeting with Bengaluru Rural district representatives and Bescom and Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. officials.

"To ensure smooth power supply, the State is sourcing electricity from neighbouring States, prioritising power exchanges. Immediate discussions must be initiated with these States to finalise agreements for this purpose. Considering the high costs of short-term electricity procurement, it is important to secure long-term contracts at lower rates to ensure cost-effective energy procurement," Mr. George said at the meeting.

He also directed the officials of the Energy Department to formulate a plan to prevent disruptions in electricity supply during summer.

Power to be disrupted tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There will be power disruptions on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in areas including Sri M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru Railway Station, Indiranagar 1st and 2nd stages, HAL 2nd stage, Old Madras Road, Kaggadasapura, C.V. Raman Nagar, Sadanandanagar, BDA Layout, M.G. Road, Cambridge Layout, Defence Colony. Residents are advised to plan accordingly.

Dalit youth beaten to death in Bidar

The Hindu Bureau
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The 19-year-old victim, Sumith, was a BSc student from Bedakunda village in Kamalanagar taluk

After a 19-year-old Dalit youth was beaten to death for falling in love with a girl from the Gavli community in Bidar district, the police have arrested the girl's brother Rahul and father Kishanrao on the charge of murder.

The victim, Sumith, was a BSc student from Bedakunda village in Kamalanagar taluk.

Assaulted in village

As per information provided by the victim's father, Vijaykumar, Sumith was assaulted by Rahul and Kishanrao at their Rakshiyal (K) village on January 5.

Later, Rahul contacted Sumith's father and told him that Sumith was assaulted for being with his sister when she was alone at home.

Vijaykumar and a friend Veerashetty Hugar rushed to Rakshiyal (K).

They found Sumith who was injured and battling for life on the outskirts of the village.

They took Sumith to Bedakunda village from where he was taken in a car to hospitals in Udgir and then to Latur in Maharashtra.

Latur Police informed their counterparts in Kushnoor Police Station in Bidar district about the incident. The Kushnoor police recorded Vijyakumar's statement in the hospital in Latur on January 6.

An FIR was registered against Rahul and Kishanrao under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023.

Later, Sumith stopped responding to treatment and died of his injuries at about 7 p.m. on January 7.

An autopsy was done in the Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences.

\Sumith's relatives staged a protest outside the hospital demanding the arrest of the accused.

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Six surrendered Maoists remanded in judicial custody

Home Minister G. Parameshwara said the Maoists had told the police that they had left behind the weapons and added that an investigation was on to recover their weapons.

Defending the rehabilitation of left-wing extremists, he said it sent out a clear message that armed struggle was futile. He further said that Mr. Siddaramaiah was in touch with his counterparts in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, to discuss cases pending against the surrendered Maoists in those States.

Financial support

Meanwhile, Meena Nagaraj, Deputy Commissioner of Chikkamagaluru, issued an order granting ₹3 lakh each as financial support to all six surrendered Maoists as per the State's policy on the surrender and rehabilitation of left-wing extremists.

According to the policy, Maoists, facing serious charges, fall under category A, and they are entitled to a relief package of ₹7.5 lakh, and those in category B with not-so-serious offences get a total of ₹4 lakh. As the first instalment, the Deputy Commissioner granted ₹3 lakh each to all.

20 DMR base stations established in rural schools for operating Ham radios

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Institute of Hams (IIH) has installed 20 Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) base stations for operating Ham radios in government residential schools across the State.

The schools, which are located in the interior regions of Karnataka, are run by the Social Welfare Department and the idea behind establishing the DMR stations is to enable students to operate Ham radios and connect with Ham operators across the globe.

S. Sathyapal, director of the Bengaluru-based IIH, said the institute was approached by the department with an objective to create awareness among students about Ham radios and their role during crisis management.

The initiative will enable students to operate Ham radios. FILE PHOTO

"To create an awareness among the residential schools located in the rural areas of Karnataka, we went to about 100 schools. Out of the 100 schools, 80 got back to us and we selected one science teacher and two students from each school belonging to either standard 8 or 9 and conducted an online training programme for them," said Dr. Sathyapal.

Upon completion of the course, they appeared for an exam conducted by the Ministry of Communication, Government of India, and were granted licences to operate Ham radios.

"From the 80 schools, we trained more than 100 teachers and students who qualified and got their licences from the Ministry of Communications. Besides this, we also established 20 DMR base stations," Dr. Sathyapal added.

He said the stations will provide them a link to the entire world and they can establish contacts with Ham radio operators 24/7. "The stations will help them interact with amateur radio operators from within and outside India. This will give good exposure to students who are mainly from rural areas. Those who are active in the Ham community are scientists, astronauts, engineers etc," he said.

He said that as the students have been trained to use Ham radios, it will be of help at times of crisis and they can help establish communication, if need be.

Hubballi-Dharwad, Bidar observe bandh over Shah's remarks

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI/KALABURAGI

The bandh was near total in North Karnataka cities of Hubballi-Dharwad and Bidar on Thursday, in response to a call given by Dalit and progressive organisations and supported by the Congress, in protest against the remarks of Union Home Minister Amit Shah against B.R. Ambedkar in Parliament.

A bandh was observed earlier in cities, including Vijayapura, Mysuru, and Mandya in connection with the remarks of Mr. Shah. In the twin cities of Hubballi-Dharwad, the bandh call was supported by 102 organisations along with the Congress. Shops and business establishments in the central business districts and elsewhere remained closed in response to the appeal for voluntary participation in the bandh, while public transport buses and most autorickshaws and private cabs remained off road.

A mega protest with bullock carts was staged at Kittur Chennamma Circle in Hubballi on Thursday during the bandh. KIRAN BAKALE
(ANOTHER PHOTO ON PAGE 9)

Early in the day, members of Dalit organisations and Congress leaders and workers were seen visiting various parts of the city on motorcycles and seeking support to the bandh in the twin cities.

There were reports of stray incidents of protesters forcibly closing down a few shops after threatening shopkeepers. The protesters also barged into University College of Law campus and University of Agricultural Sciences in Dharwad and reportedly got into a heated argument with authorities before students were sent out of classes.

The Bidar bandh call given by Dalit organisations also received a good response from residents on Thursday. Commercial activities came to a standstill for most of the day as hotels, restaurants, educational institutions, banks, trading units at the agricultural market and other commercial establishments remained closed till evening. The bandh call had been condemned by the BJP.

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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29/10/2024 calling upon the borrower **1) Mr. K N Jayasimha** S/o K S N Iyengar **2. Mrs. Roopa Jayasimha** W/o K N Jayasimha **both are residing at** No.2130, 2nd A Main Road, Sri Rama Layout, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.38,76,624/-**(Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Only) as on **30/09/2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **6th day of January of the year 2025.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Chamrajpet Branch,** for an amount of **Rs.38,76,624/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Only) as on **30/09/2024** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immovable Property
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.2130, Municipal Katha No.1031/2130/1023, situated at Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 41 feet, totally measuring 1230 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Site No.2129, West: Site No.2131 & 2112/A, North: Site No.2114/A, South: Road .
Date : 06.01.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.**

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Willem Dafoe in a scene from *Nosferatu*. AP

The inescapable cultural infection and relevance of 'Nosferatu'

A hundred years after terrorising its first hapless victims, F.W. Murnau's rebellious expressionist fever dream refuses to fade away, infecting pop culture with an undying persistence, reshaping vampire lore and rewriting the genetic code of horror cinema as we know it

Ayaan Paul Chowdhury

In the autumn of 1922, cinemagoers were introduced to a figure who would cast an inextricably formative shadow over the genre. When F.W. Murnau's terrifying monochrome reimagining of Bram Stoker first hit the screens, they were greeted with something primal, grotesque and exceedingly unsettling; far removed from the suave aristocracy of Dracula. The silent, jagged masterpiece of German Expressionism, soon sank its ivories into the very essence of what we know of modern horror today, shaping a genre that would never again be the same. With Robert Eggers' much-anticipated remake looming over Indian theatres at long last, it feels only fitting to revisit the ways in which *Nosferatu* casts a decisive darkness as inescapable as Count Orlok's own.

An illicit evil

Let's begin with the legal disclaimer: *Nosferatu* was an unauthorised adaptation of Dracula. Prana Film, the short-lived production company behind the project, decided that a few superficial name changes – Count Dracula became Count Orlok, Jonathan Harker was rebranded as Hutter – would suffice to sidestep pesky copyright laws. Of course, it didn't. Stoker's widow successfully sued, and a court ordered all copies of the film to be incinerated. That *Nosferatu* survived is a small miracle, and its preservation feels almost poetic: a film about a creature that defies death refusing to succumb to an ashy oblivion.

But it isn't just the film's survival that has given it mythic status; rather the genius with which it redefined the lore. At first glance, *Nosferatu* appears as a curious anomaly. Orlok, played by a more-than-convincing Max Schreck, was the antithesis to the dignified seducer we've come to associate with Dracula. There was no flowing cape or widow's peak; rather a hideous spectral figure with rodent-like features, elongated fingers, and a hunchback. Producer and art director Albin Grau's stark departure in creature design was steeped in occultism and inspired by wartime stories of vampiric folklore that envisioned Orlok as a personification of pestilence.

Schreck's portrayal of Orlok leaned heavily on the exaggerated physicality of German stage tradition, transforming the character into a creature of unrestrained, animalistic menace. Unlike Dracula's meticulously groomed charm, Orlok's monstrosity was raw, unapologetic, and refreshingly devoid of any polish. The film's versimiltude even spawned urban legends that Schreck wasn't acting at all but was, in fact, a bona fide vampire – the absurdity of which was later immortalised in E. Elias Merhige's *Shadow of the Vampire*, where Dafoe turns Schreck into a method actor with fangs. That Schreck's name translates to "terror" in German feels a little too on the nose to be true.

An expressionist nightmare

German Expressionism found a natural home in *Nosferatu* and it's here that the film broke further ground. While contemporaries like *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* revelled in twisted, theatrical sets, *Nosferatu* grounded its terror in real-world locations. Murnau shot much of the film on location in the cobbled streets of Wismar, Germany and the crags of Orava Castle in Slovakia, which lent the world and its characters a paradoxical realism. The towering cliffs, crumbling castles, and desolate towns feel oppressively authentic, yet Murnau's use of light and shadow transformed them into landscapes of nightmare. Shadows stretched unnaturally; doorways and windows loomed like gaping maws. Even the simplest of actions, like Orlok's unforgettable ascension up a staircase, became an iconic tableau of terror.

Calamity and subversion

Murnau's vampire was a perverse, bloodthirsty fiend; but he was also a harbinger of disease and decay that gnawed at the marrow of a post-pandemic world grappling with invisible horrors. Released in the shadow of the Spanish flu pandemic, the film practically reeked of the plague: rats tumbling from coffins, entire villages felled by a nameless illness. Even the term 'nosferatu', allegedly tied to the Romanian word for "plague-bringer," held up a mirror to communal despair. Orlok's presence in Wisborg was a threat to the very fabric of the community and a metaphor for contagion that resonates uncomfortably in the post-pandemic age.

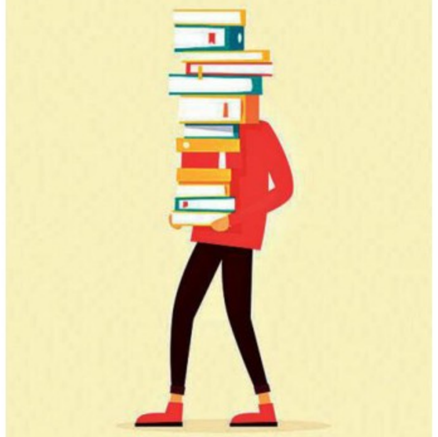
Yet, *Nosferatu* did more than sicken its audience with existential allegories and its brutal expressionist imagery; it also rewrote the rulebook. The sun, which was once nothing more than a minor inconvenience for Dracula, here became a fitting executioner. Orlok's poetic death by daylight birthed a trope so enduring it now haunts everything from *Buffy* to *Twilight* to even *Jojo's Bizarre Adventure*. But its innovations in the genre couldn't possibly be reduced to killing methods. The film eschewed gore or cheap jumpscares for atmospheric slow-creeping dread and the power of suggestion. Murnau distilled fear into a visual lexicon, passing it down like a cursed heirloom to everyone, from Hitchcock to del Toro.

An underwater cameo

Few works have left a mark on cinema as indelible as *Nosferatu*, and any attempt to reimagine it must grapple with its towering legacy. But if Eggers' previous work is any indication, he understands what makes this film special: the way *Nosferatu* captures the ineffable – a fear both primordial and contemporaneous.

But for an entire generation raised on Nickelodeon, *Nosferatu* has never been this hallowed cornerstone of silent cinema that cinephiles drone on about between criterion sales – he was the weird guy at the Krusty Krab, casually flicking the lights on and off. For those few who might've googled "Nosferatu" years later, imagine the whiplash of discovering this artifact of cinematic history, resurrected by a cartoon that didn't even bother to colour him in. A sponge in square pants may have done more for Count Orlok's pop cultural relevance than a century of earnest film restoration ever could.

What Murnau pulled off a hundred years ago with an unauthorised knockoff of Bram Stoker was the invention of a fresh cinematic grammar for dread. By warping gothic archetypes through an expressionist lens, he birthed something disturbingly primeval. *Nosferatu* endures because it crawls under the skin, rooting out an ancient unease we'd rather ignore – a shadow standing between your doorway, flipping the light switch.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"Guess what? Milind is taking me to a movie tomorrow."

"Milind! I'd advise you to stay away from him. He's a bad egg."

"Bad egg? What does it mean? A bad person?"

"A 'bad egg' is a person who is considered to be dishonest and unreliable! The police put the bad egg in jail."

"In our movies, it's usually the policeman who is the bad egg."

"And if it isn't the policeman, it's..."

"... it's usually a politician. According to me... "

"... how many times do I have to tell you you can't say 'according to me'. It's always 'according to' someone else. According to the Finance Minister, inflation has come down."

"In my opinion, the Finance Minister is wrong."

"Good. You can either say 'in my opinion', or 'if you ask me'. But never 'according to

"You know you have a strange custom of..."

"... I don't have a 'custom', but a 'habit'."

"'Custom'! 'Habit'! What difference does it make?"

"Well, a 'custom' is something that 'the people of a community or society always do in particular circumstances'."

"So, when you say something is a custom, then a lot of people are involved."

"Yes. The entire community or society is involved. For example, during Deepavali, it is our custom to light lamps."

"It is also a custom to remove our slippers before entering a temple."

"Good example."

"Thanks. But how does it differ from 'habit'?"

"A 'habit' is something that an individual does often or regularly. For example, I have the habit of scratching my head when I'm thinking."

"By the way, is 'foolery' a place where fools live?"

"How did you get the impression?"

"Nunnery' is a place where nuns live. So 'foolery'..."

"No, no. 'Foolery' means 'foolish behaviour'. I can't stand his fooleries. Do you know what a 'foolometer' is?"

"No."

"It is a standard for the measurement of fools or folly."

"Can you tell me what the standard is?"

"I can't. I can only tell you that the stress is on the second syllable. The third 'o' in 'foolometer' is pronounced like the 'o' in 'hot'."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

On January 10 or thereabouts, 49 BC, Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon river — an act that also entrenched an idiom in the English language. A quiz on other such idioms

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

An idiom that means to endure pain with determination; this originated from soldiers in the 19th century given something to bite down on to help them cope with the pain of an amputation without anaesthesia. What was that thing and what is the phrase?

QUESTION 2

Named after a Greek king of the Hellenistic period, this idiom came into being to describe the king's several victories that also took a huge toll on his forces. Name the king and the phrase.

QUESTION 3

A phrase that means solving a complex problem in a decisive/ brute-force manner, this originated as a legend about an act by Alexander the Great which involved using his sword. What is the phrase?

QUESTION 4

A phrase that connotes someone confronting the unpleasant consequences of her/his actions, this originated from the practice of soldiers being asked to listen to a band playing a drumbeat before being punished. What is the phrase?

QUESTION 5

An idiom that suggests the release of something leading to great problems or suffering, this originates from Greek mythology, where the first human woman created by Hephaestus on the instructions of Zeus, is given a box by the gods and is forbidden to open it. What is the idiom?

Visual question:
Identify the English word/ idiom that has originated from what is seen in this image. And what does it mean?
BISWARANJAN ROUT

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The reason why January 9 was chosen as Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD). It was held first in this year. **Ans: To commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India in 1915; 2003**
2. This city has hosted the PBD the most number of times. The previous edition was held here. **Ans: New Delhi; Indore**
3. The major change initiated to the PBD in 2015. **Ans: The convention become a biennial event**
4. This was special about the edition held in 2021. **Ans: It was held virtually because of the COVID pandemic**
5. The theme for this year's Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. **Ans: 'Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat'**
6. The PBD is sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs along with these two organisations. **Ans: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**
7. The name of the award given to to honour overseas Indians. **Ans: Pravasi Bharatiya Samman**
Visual: Identify this former President and Premier of an African nation. **Ans: Sir Anerood Jugnauth of Mauritius**
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Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Word of the day

Ringer:
a person who rings the church bells (for summoning the congregation); a person who is almost identical to another; a contestant entered in a competition under false pretenses

Synonyms: bell ringer, toller, clone

Usage: *He has established himself as the ringer of the new church.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/ringerpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈɹɪŋə(ɹ)/

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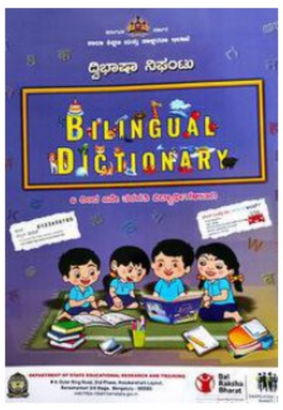
DSERT develops bilingual dictionary for classes 1 to 9

Meaning of the words, sentence construction, pronunciation, grammar and other learning activities are given in Kannada and English for each lesson across subjects

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT) has developed a Kannada-English bilingual dictionary to enhance language proficiency among schoolchildren of the State with the help of a non-governmental organisation.

The dictionary has been designed as two separate sets, for the students of classes 1 to 5 and classes 6 to 9, focusing on complex words, grammar, and pronunciation, to enable them to learn, construct sentences, and read effectively in both Kannada and English. DSERT is planning to launch the dictionary on its website to make it available to all students, teachers, and parents.



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A recent survey of the Department of School Education and Literacy had stated that schoolchildren lag in reading, spelling difficult words, construction of sentences, pronunciation, grammar, and other learning activities.

Though dozens of dictionaries by private publishers are available in the market, DSERT's dictionary is designed specially for students in these classes. The words chosen are subject-wise, covering languages, including Kannada, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Environmental Science. Meaning of the words, sentence construction, pronunciation, grammar, and other learning activities are given in Kannada and English for each lesson.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, DSERT director Gopalakrishna said they had emulated a model followed in Andhra Pradesh.

"We visited schools in Andhra Pradesh to study their bilingual textbooks and dictionaries and developed the bilingual dictionaries for students of Karnataka. Over 50 subject experts and teachers, with technical support provided by Save the Children organisation, contributed to developing the dictionary. We will upload them on DSERT website and make it available to students, teachers, and others. It will very helpful to them."

NHRC issues notices to Centre, State govt. over suicide of man denied treatment under Ayushman Bharat

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Thursday issued notice to the Karnataka government in the case of a 72-year-old man who died by suicide as the State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru declined to provide him ₹5 lakh cover under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).

The victim, who died on December 25, 2024, took the extreme step after the hospital denied him the benefit of the scheme stating that the State government orders in this regard had not arrived yet.

'Serious violation'

The NHRC has observed that the reports of the incident raises a serious concern regarding violation of human rights.

"The AB PM-JAY senior citizens scheme has been framed with an aim to ensure good medical care for senior citizens, especially those who are not able to spend the hospital bills and cost of specialised treatment and medicines. If senior citizens are not getting the benefit of the scheme intended for their welfare, it may amount to violation of their right to health, which is inherent to a life with dignity," the Commission said.

Accordingly, it issued notices to the Secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka calling for a detailed report on the matter within four weeks.

The reports are expected to include the present status of the implementation of the AB PM-JAY senior citizens scheme in Karnataka along with other States and Union Territories.

10th edition of Quizabled to be held tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The national finals of the 10th edition of Quizabled, an initiative of Seva-In Action and sponsored by LTIMindtree Foundation, will be held on January 11 at BMS College of Engineering, Basavanagudi, from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children with intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, and autism spectrum disorder from 12 States will showcase their abilities.

For more details, call Seva-In Action on 080-25520347 or mail to sevainaction@gmail.com

ED concludes raid on BBMP headquarters, seeks details of works allotted to KRIDL

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) that raided the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) headquarters for two days since Tuesday, concluded the raids on Thursday. Sources in the civic body said that the agency has sought over 20 documents, including copies of standing committee resolutions and allocation of work to Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd. (KRIDL) between 2014-15 and 2023-24. The ED has also asked details of former councillors accused in the borewell and reverse osmosis scam.

According to a document accessed by *The Hindu*, the ED that camped at BBMP since the last two days primarily focused their investigation on alleged ₹400 crore borewell and reverse osmosis scam in five BBMP zones. Most of the details asked were pertaining to the same.

The Enforcement Directorate began raids on the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike on Tuesday. FILE PHOTO

However, the ED seems to have gone beyond the scope of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in the alleged borewells scam and has also sought details of asphalting of arterial and sub-arterial works worth ₹46,000 crore, Detailed Project Report for tunnel roads and works allotted to KRIDL as well, sources said. A senior BBMP official said the ED's probe should have been limited to borewells and RO plants, but it sought details which do not come under the ambit of the ECIR.

In connection to KRIDL, the ED sought allocation of work by the BBMP between 2014-2015 and 2023-2024. This includes road works, construction of buildings, flyovers and others. With regard to the borewell the ED asked details about the authority approved borewells and ROs. The ED has asked for contact numbers, Aadhaar, and PAN card details of former councillors from Dasarahalli, Bommanahalli, Yelahanka, R.R Nagar, and Mahadevapura zones.

Traffic arrangements around ISKCON temple

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In view of Vaikunta Ekadashi, a large number of devotees are expected to visit ISKCON temple on Friday. There is a possibility of heavy traffic on West of Chord Road and adjacent roads. Vehicles moving on West of Chord Road from Soap Factory junction towards Mahalakshmi Metro junction are requested to move on Dr. Rajkumar Road towards 10th cross Rajkumar road and take a right turn at 10th cross or Kethamaranahalli Junction and reach West of Chord Road at 1st Block signal Rajajinagar. Pick up and drop of passengers for auto and cabs is restricted on West of Chord road from Soap factory Junction to Mahalakshmi Metro Junction.

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KREIS/INFR/OTH/61/2024-ADMN-Part(1)/E-172607 Date : 09.01.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Tendering Only)

Tenders have been invited on 09.01.2025 Short term Re-Tender No: KREIS/2024-25/ IND0007/CALL-3, for Supply of Mattress & Pillows to Various Backward classes Residential Schools functioning under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society across in Karnataka through e-Portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and the last date for receipt of tenders is 23.01.2025. The details may be viewed in the above website.

Sd/- Joint Director(Admin) and Tender Inviting Authority KREIS, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4244/AKAR/2024-25

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest
(RIL/E&P/EOI/2025/01)
(Under International Competitive Bidding)

Reliance is India's largest private sector company, with a consolidated revenue of ₹ 10,00,122 crore (US$ 119.9 billion), cash profit of ₹ 1,41,969 crore (US$ 17.0 billion) and net profit of ₹ 79,020 crore (US$ 9.5 billion) for the year ended March 31, 2024. Reliance's activities span hydrocarbon exploration and production, petroleum refining and marketing, petrochemicals, advanced materials and composites, renewables (solar and hydrogen), retail and digital services. Currently ranked 86th, Reliance is the largest private sector company from India to be featured in Fortune's Global 500 list of 'World's Largest Companies' for 2024.

A) For All Oil & Gas Fields

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), as operator, on behalf of itself & its co-venturers invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed and experienced Contractors/ Vendors for following category, for the blocks acquired under NELP-I:

Category Number	Category Description
DRL/COMN/2025/1	Supply of Cementing Hardware, Bridge Plug and related services

B) For Block No. KG-DWN-98/3 (KG-D6)

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), as operator, on behalf of itself & its co-venturer BP Exploration (Alpha) Limited invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed and experienced Contractors/ Vendors for following categories, for Deep-water Block No. KG-DWN-98/3 (KG-D6) in East coast of India.

Category Number	Category Description
OAM/KGD6/2025/1	Supply of Multipurpose fire tender with built-in water, foam and DCP tanks and high-pressure hose reel
OAM/KGD6/2025/2	Design, Engineering, Installation, commissioning, testing and charging of 132 kV power grid as per specifications of the local and central electricity board rules
OAM/KGD6/2025/3	Design & Supply of ROV operated Subsea deployable Hydrate Remediation Skid for Hydrate removal from deep-water flowlines / XMTs / Umbilical for water depth up to 2200m.
OAM/KGD6/2025/4	Design & Supply of ROV operated Subsea deployable Bolt Replacement Tooling system for Bolt retrieval / installation from deep-water Subsea Asset with water depth up to 2200m.
OAM/KGD6/2025/5	Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of FPSO and Operation of Subsea Production Facilities
OAM/KGD6/2025/6	Mooring Services for Condensate Offtake Operations from FPSO
OAM/KGD6/2025/7	Provision of Tug and Hawser & Hose Handling Boat for Condensate Offtake Operations from FPSO

Interested Contractors/Vendors are requested to visit our website **www.ril.com** (eB2B> For Suppliers> E&P Notice for EOI) for further details on the above and submit their EOI through e-mail on **deveoiresponse.eandp@ril.com**, **on or before 31 January 2025**. Subject of the mail should mention **"RIL/E&P/EOI/2025/01"** along with category number. For documents size beyond 10 MB, Contractors/Vendors should request RIL through e-mail to provide FTP link for uploading EOI documents.

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BWSSB promises seamless water supply for Aero India

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has said that it will ensure seamless water supply for Aero India 2025, the air show set to take place at Yelahanka Air Base from February 10 to 14.

BWSSB chairman V. Ram Prasath Manohar, in a statement, said that preparations are under way as per the directive of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. "The event will require 4 to 5 million litres of Cauvery water daily, and we are equipped to supply up to 25 million litres per day via a dedicated pipeline. Contingency plans, including water tankers, have also been arranged," he said. He assured that the water level in Cauvery reservoirs are sufficient to meet the event's needs.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHITGUPPA
No: TMC/SWM/WORKS/CR-/2024-25 Dated: 07.01.2025

TENDER NOTIFCATION

1) Name of work: Construction of Proposed 4TPD MRF Centre (Materials Recovery Facility) of PEB Structure (Primary and Secondary Shed) at Chitguppa **DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT22357/call-3**, 2) Estimated cost: As per KPPP Portal, 3) Eligibility of Agency / Consultant: As per KPPP Portal, 4) EMD amount: As per KPPP Portal, 6) Last date for submission of tender: **18.01.2025 upto 04.00PM**, 7) Technical bid opening: **20.01.2025 at 4.01 PM,** 8) Address for communication: Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Chitguppa, Pin code 585412, Email : itstaff_ulb_Chittguppa@yahoo.com, 08483-277536 & 277122 9) Website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Officer Town Municipal Council Chitguppa

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No. CESC/GM(Proj)/DGM-1/AGM-1&4/2024-25/24297 **Date:** 08.01.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP PORTAL ONLY)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tender from eligible bidders for the following;

Sl. No.	Works details	Enquiry No.
A	Providing Over Load Protection Relays for IP feeders in various sub-stations in jurisdiction of CESC	CESC/Proj-1/2024-25/202
B	Providing Group Medical Health Insurance to Employees/ Officers of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited for a period of one year.	CESC/Proj-4/2024-25/203
C	Providing Comprehensive Maintenance Services for Ring Main Units (RMU) installed in Mysuru City.	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/204
D.	Replacement of existing LT/HT overhead lines by LT Aerial Bunched Cable/Covered Conductor in Hazardous location, Theft prone areas, Slums, Crowded public place, Narrow Roads, High Interruption Feeders, NJY Feeder Crossing locations and Schools/ Colleges/ Hostels premises etc. under rate contract for the following divisions	
1	Hassan	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/205
2	Sakaleshpura	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/206
3	Arasikere	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/207
4	Channarayapatna	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/208
5	Holenarasipura	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/209
6	KR Pete	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/210
7	Malavalli	CESC/ Proj-4/2024-25/211

The works & tender details can be obtained through KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or **after 10.01.2025.** For clarification regarding KPP portal please contact help desk **+91-8046010000/ 8068948777** or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

Sd/-
General Manager (Projects),
Corporate Office, CESC, Mysuru.

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/1087/2024-25

'Appointment orders for pourakarmikas will be issued by March-end'

Verification process, including reservation certificate validation, is ongoing, says BBMP Chief Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner, Tushar Giri Nath, has announced that appointment orders for pourakarmikas selected in the final list will be issued by the end of March.

Speaking at an event to commemorate the birth anniversary of sanitation pioneer I.P.D. Salappa, Mr. Giri Nath stated that the verification process, including police clearance and reservation certificate validation, is ongoing. He assured that this process would be completed by March.

Highlighting the need for a robust waste collection system, he emphasised that door-to-door waste must be collected efficiently to prevent citizens from dumping garbage on roadsides. "If the door-to-door waste collection system is properly implemented, many of the current issues can be resolved," he remarked.

He acknowledged that despite advancement in technology, sanitation workers still rely on traditional tools like brooms to clean streets. He announced plans to provide mechanised equipment soon, aiming to modernise their work processes and improve efficiency.

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, JAN. 10
RISE 06:45 SET 18:10
RISE 14:42 SET 03:02

SATURDAY, JAN. 11
RISE 06:45 SET 18:10
RISE 15:40 SET 04:05

SUNDAY, JAN. 12
RISE 06:45 SET 18:11
RISE 16:40 SET 05:08

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	20
Mysuru	28	15
Bengaluru	26	15

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Night also will be cool. Day will be comfortable.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Dry weather to prevail.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, BBMP Head office, NR Square, Bengaluru-560002.

No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/2906/2024-25 **FORM-I** **Dated:08.01.2025**

NOTIFICATION {Under Sec 14B(4)(i)}

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B (4) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by The CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE for **Formation of new road from Kogilu main road to Sampigehalli (Jakkuru) via Gastikempanahalli as per RMP-2015 for the width of 18.0m (Ch:0.00m to Ch:3210.00m).**

It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz, (i) Sale /Partition / other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (V) conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

The place where land owners / interested persons have to appear and submit their claims	Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Date and Time
The Deputy Commissioner(LAQ & TDR) Room No: 208, 2st Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002.	Executive Engineer Road Infrastructure Yelahanka Division, BBMP	30 days from the date of Notification. Time : 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to be acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.

The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as DR (Notional land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Rights Certificates (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR), BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

SCHEDULE

"Acquisition of land required for Formation of new road from Kogilu main road to Sampigehalli (Jakkuru) via Gastikempanahalli as per RMP-2015 for the width of 18.0m (Ch:0.00m to Ch:3210.00m).

Sl No	Sy No/ Khatha No	Type of Land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the land / plot and extent in sq.m		Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details			Present activity on Land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment individual house etc.,	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sqm			Name and address of the owner of the plot/land for which DRC is to be issued / already issued.
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted Undeveloped	Approved layout / developed land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sqm	Type of Construction	Floor area Ratio		Agriculture/B-Khatha	Converted Undeveloped	A Khatha, Developed Site	
Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka.** Name of the Village: **Kogilu**																				
1	10	Vacant Land		-			571.17		Remaining portion of Sy. No 10/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 10/1	Kogilu Road	Sy.no 11	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	G.Ramamurthy S/o Gundappa and Others (PRR Stage-1 Final Notification Done by BDA)
2	11	Vacant Land		-			1338.89		Remaining portion of Sy. No 11	Remaining portion of Sy. No 11	Sy.no 10/1	Sy.no 12/1	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	Anijinappa S/o Bikkalu Thimmaiah and C.Muniyappa S/o Late Chikkanna (PRR Stage-1 Final Notification Done by BDA)
3	12/1	Vacant Land		-			1462.29		Remaining portion of Sy. No 12/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 12/1	Sy.no 11	Sy.no 12/3	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	Ramakka D/o Late Channappa and Others (PRR Stage-1 Final Notification Done by BDA)
4	12/3	Vacant Land		-			918.04		Remaining portion of Sy. No 12/3	Remaining portion of Sy. No 12/1	Sy.no 12/1	Sy.no 12/4	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	C.Muniyappa S/o Chikkanna (PRR Stage-1 Final Notification Done by BDA)
5	12/4	Vacant Land		-			705.46		Remaining portion of Sy. No 12/4	Remaining portion of Sy. No 12/4	Sy.no 12/3	Sy.no 20	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	Chikkamuniyappa S/o Chikkanna (PRR Stage-1 Final Notification Done by BDA)
6	20	Vacant Land		-			2185.1		Remaining portion of Sy. No 20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 20	Sy.no 12	Sy.no 19 & 18	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	Venugopal Reddy S/o Krishna Reddy and Others
7	20	Vacant Land		-			67.65		Remaining portion of Sy. No 18	Sy.no 19/4	Sy.no 20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 18	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	Omar Farook S/o A Shakoor
8	20	Vacant Land		-			166.68		Sy.no 18	Sy.no 19/3	Sy.no 20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/4	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	R.G Usha S/o Late. R.Gopal
9	18	Vacant Land		-			67.65		Remaining portion of Sy. No 18	Sy.no 19/4	Sy.no 20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 18	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	Omar Farook S/o A Shakoor
10	19/4	Vacant Land		-			166.68		Sy.no 18	Sy.no 19/3	Sy.no 20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/4	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	R.G Usha S/o Late. R.Gopal
11	19/3	Vacant Land		-			238.95		Sy.no 19/4	Sy.no 19/2	Sy.no 20	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/3	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	R.G Usha S/o Late. R.Gopal
12	19/2	Vacant Land		-			270.6		Sy.no 19/3	Sy.no 19/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/2	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	R.G Usha S/o Late. R.Gopal
13	19/1	Vacant Land		-			2261.73		Sy.no 19/2	Sy.no 25	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 19/1	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	R.G Usha S/o Late. R.Gopal
14	25	Vacant Land		-			3657.83		Remaining portion of Sy. No 25	Remaining portion of Sy. No 25	Sy.no 19/1	Sy.no 18	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	R.Ashwathanarayana S/o Late. R.Ramaswamaiah and Others
15	18	Vacant Land		-			552.1		Remaining portion of Sy. No 18	Remaining portion of Sy. No 18	Sy.no 25	Gasti kempanahalli village boundary	-	-	-	-	7,512.00 /-	19,600.00 /-	28,000.00/-	Omar Farook S/o A Shakoor
Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka.** Name of the Village: **Gasti kempanahalli**																				
16	3	Vacant Land		-			4416.61		Remaining portion of Sy. No 3	Remaining portion of Sy. No 3	Kogilu village boundary	Sy.no 4	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	B.S Paramesh S/o B.M Siddalingaiah
17	9	Vacant Land		-			631.14		Sy.no 3	Remaining portion of Sy. No 9	Sy.no 3	Sy.no 3	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	Hasaniyamirja S/o Mohamed Mehabub and B.S Paramesh S/o B.M Siddalingaiah
18	8	Vacant Land		-			2634.43		Sy.no 4	Remaining portion of Sy. No 8	Sy.no 3	Sy.no 7 & 5	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	H.Gopal Reddy @ Gopi S/o Late.Hanumanthappa and others (Free of Cost R.D)
19	4	Vacant Land		-			662.59		Remaining portion of Sy. No 4	Sy.no 8	Sy.no 3	Sy.no 5	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	R.Gopal Krishna and Others (Free of Cost R.D)
20	5/5	Vacant Land		-			582.82		Remaining portion of Sy. No 5/5	Sy.no 7 & 8	Sy.no 4	Sy.no 5/6	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	Srinivas Reddy S/o C.Ramaiah Reddy (Free of Cost R.D)
21	7	Vacant Land		-			1822.83		Sy.no 5	Remaining portion of Sy. No 7	Sy.no 8	Sy.no 5	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	Omar Farook S/o A Shakoor and Y.N Krishna Kumar (Free of Cost R.D)
22	5/6	Vacant Land		-			225.47		Remaining portion of Sy. No 5/6	Sy.no 7	Sy.no 5/5	Sy.no 5/3	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	Suguna W/o Srinivasa Reddy (Free of Cost R.D)
23	5/3	Vacant Land		-			1191.62		Sy.no 7	Sy.no 5/6	Sy.no 5/4	Agrahara village boundary	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	D.Ragavendra S/o Doddaramaiah (Free of Cost R.D)
24	5/4	Vacant Land		-			3362.46		Remaining portion of Sy. No 5/4	Sy.no 6	Sy.no 5/3	Agrahara village boundary	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	H.Gopal Reddy @ Gopi S/o Hanumanthappa (Free of Cost R.D)
25	6	Vacant Land		-			249.65		Sy. No 5	Remaining portion of Sy. No 6	Sy.no 7	Agrahara village boundary	-	-	-	-	3,756.00 /-	8,610.00 /-	12,300.00 /-	Sumana Gajlakshmi W/o Y.N Narayanaswamy C.R Shanthamma @ Shanthakumari
Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka.** Name of the Village: **Agrahara**																				
26	14	Vacant Land		-			3709.96		Remaining portion of Sy. No 14	Remaining portion of Sy. No 14	Gasti kempanahalli village boundary	Sy.no 8	-	-	-	-	5,016.00 /-	23,100.00/-	33,000.00 /-	H.Gopal Reddy @ Gopi S/o Hanumanthappa and Others
27	12	Vacant Land		-			103.12		Sy.no 8	Remaining portion of Sy. No 12	Sy.no 14	Sy.no 8	-	-	-	-	5,016.00 /-	23,100.00/-	33,000.00 /-	Chikkabairappa S/o Munibairappa and Others
28	8	Vacant Land		-			700.33		Remaining portion of Sy. No 8	Remaining portion of Sy. No 8	Sy.no 14	Sy.no 11	-	-	-	-	5,016.00 /-	23,100.00/-	33,000.00 /-	K.Venkatasubbaraju and Others
29	11	Vacant Land		-			730.76		Remaining portion of Sy. No 11	Remaining portion of Sy. No 11	Sy.no 8	Sy no. 12	-	-	-	-	5,016.00 /-	23,100.00/-	33,000.00 /-	R.Krishnamurthy S/o Late Y.Ramakrishana
30	12	Vacant Land		-			628.62		Sy.no 11	Remaining portion of Sy. No 12	Sy.no 11	Halla	-	-	-	-	5,016.00 /-	23,100.00/-	33,000.00 /-	Narayanappa S/o Late Munishamappa and Others
31	11	Vacant Land		-			275.12		Remaining portion of Sy. No 11	Sy no. 12	Remaining portion of Sy. No 11	Halla	-	-	-	-	5,016.00 /-	23,100.00/-	33,000.00 /-	R.Krishnamurthy S/o Late Y.Ramakrishana

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka.** Name of the Village: **Sampigehalli**

	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34		33	32
	44/13	44/12	44/15	45/2D	45/2C	45/2B	45/2A	45/1	46/3	46/2	46/1	8/2	8/1	8/3	10	11		9/3	Halla
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	287.91	79.69	174.81	213.85	248.12	261.19	259.63	833.92	699.4	751.13	720.75	826.47	541.82	691.74	1470.66	1418.76		975.61	311.1
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	Sy. No 44/12	Remaining portion of Sy. No 45/12	Remaining portion of Sy. No 45/15	Remaining portion of Sy. No 45/2D	Remaining portion of Sy. No 45/2C	Remaining portion of Sy. No 45/2B	Remaining portion of Sy. No 45/2A	Remaining portion of Sy. No 45/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 46/3	Remaining portion of Sy. No 46/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No 46/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 8/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No 8/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 8/3	Remaining portion of Sy. No 10	Remaining portion of Sy. No 11		Remaining portion of Sy. No 9/3	Sy no. 12
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	Sy.no 44/11	Sy.no 44/11	Sy.no 44/13,12	Sy.no 44	Sy.no 45/2D	Sy.no 45/2C	Sy.no 45/2B	Sy.no 45/2A	Sy.no 45	Sy.no 46/3	Sy.no 46/2	Sy.no 46/1	Sy.no 8/2	Sy.no 8/1	Sy.no 8	Sy.no 10		Sampige halli boundary	Sy.no 9
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	Hanumantharayappa S/o Late Narasappa	S.N Narayanagowda S/o Nanjappa and S.N Krishnamurthy S/o Nanjappa (Arkavathi Layout BDA)	S.N Bacchanna S/o Late ChikkaNarasappa and Anandhmurthy S/o Late ChikkaNarasappa	S.N Bacchanna S/o Narasappa and S.N Anandhmurthy S/o Narasappa	S.N Bacchanna S/o Narasappa and S.N Anandhmurthy	Bacchanna and Anandhmurthy	Susheelamma W/o Puttappa and Others	N.A Kharab	Narayanappa Krishnappa S/o Munishamappa and Others	H.Anjinappa and H.Ramaiah	Nanjappa S/o Kariyanna and Munegowda (Arkavathi Layout BDA)	E.Venkatareddy S/o Subbareddy	Lakshmamma W/o Doddabairappa	S.A Kushal Kumar S/o A.Anandhmurthy and S.A Mahindra S/o A.Anandhmurthy (Arkavathi Layout BDA)	Government Property	M.S Basavaraju S/o Nanjappa @ Kapanayya and Others (Arkavathi Layout BDA)		Chikkabairappa S/o Munibairappa and Others	Government Property

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban.** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka.** Name of the Village: **Venkateshwarapura**

	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50
	23	22	Stream	21	20	19	33	Stream	17/3	17/2	17/1,4,5,6	28	29/1	12_Tank	42	43	44/10	44/11
Total Extent to be Acquired (In Sq.m) 57,838.74	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land	Vacant Land
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- **The Market value of Land shall be subject to land conversion and development status to be decided at Form-III stage based on production of documents from the Land Owners.**
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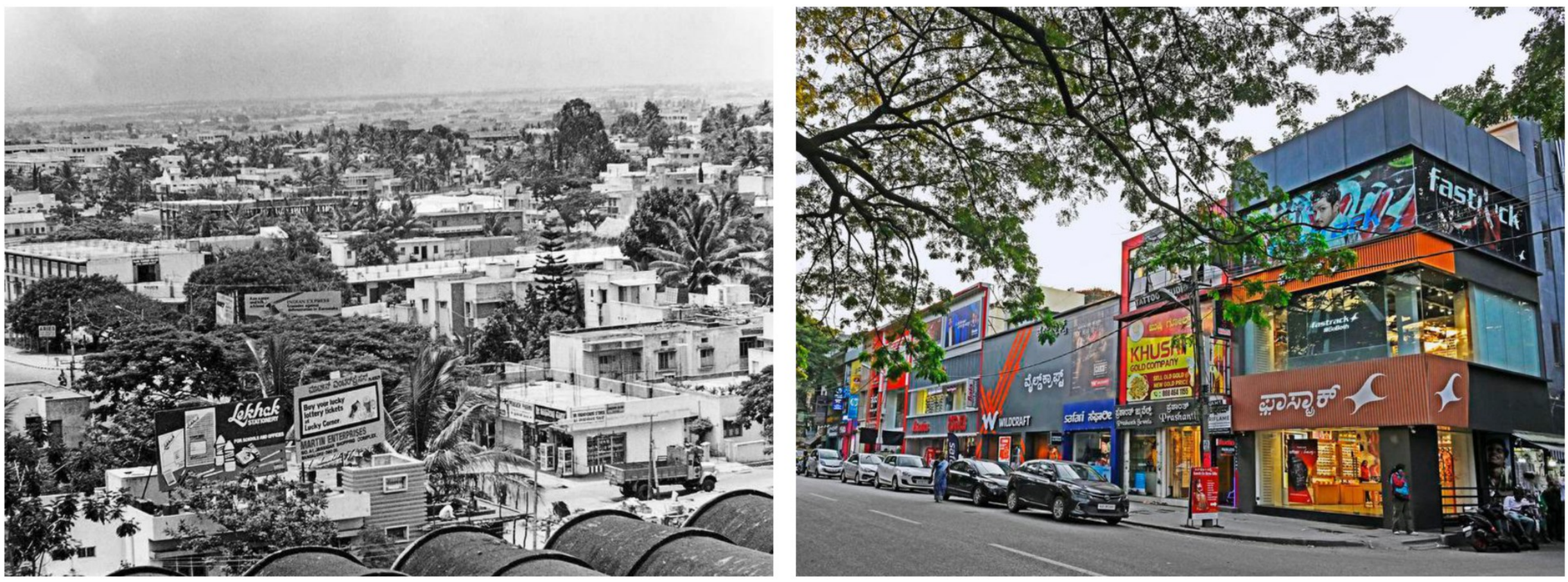

Changing times: Residential pockets are increasingly being converted into commercial or mixed-use developments, often resulting in higher property prices and changing the neighbourhood's character. A view of the Jayanagar Extension on May 11, 1983 (left) and that of a commercial complex (right) at Jayanagar today. THE HINDU ARCHIVES AND K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Old residential hubs are no longer neighbours' envy

Once sought-after residential localities, these prime old areas of Bengaluru are seeing rapid redevelopment, turning them into bustling commercial spaces. **K.C. Deepika** writes about the implications of this move from central business districts to secondary business districts

For many Bengalureans, Indiranagar is their weekend leisure date at its many well-known pubs, restaurants or shops. But for Jayalakshmi Sriguha, now 62, it has been home for almost half-a-century.

When she moved into their house off Indiranagar 12th Main from Ulsoor in 1977, many people asked her family members why they had chosen an area so forsaken. "I was in class 10. We didn't know that roads were going to come up around us. This was part of a village called Doopanahalli and a laidback place. We were scared to come home after 6 p.m.," she recalls.

The tuition teacher says she has seen the area grow before her eyes, remembering how people would marvel at the many beautiful houses being built on 100 Feet Road.

"As we were building our house, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) planted so many trees. In the 1980s, the cross roads came up and plots were sold. I got married in 1984 and moved out of the country. When I returned in 1997 too, there were quite a few empty plots. In 1999, I bought a plot 10 doors away from the house where I grew up," she said.

A bygone era

She reminisces about how residents would play badminton on the road and on empty plots, and how they could see flights land and take off from HAL airport, and even the Public Utility Building – then the tallest in the city. "The BPO culture changed everything. Around the mid-2000s, it just crept up under us and things just ballooned. I still don't understand how 12th Main became a commercial access road. I still know a lot of people here, but there are very few locals. We are struggling to keep at least our road residential. I tell people this is the only place I have. It is unfortunate what it has become despite our fight. Even if it was commercial, it would have still worked if the basic rules, such as parking facilities, were followed," she says, while recalling how she battled sewage backflow in her house only a few days ago.

Once a sought-after residential area, Indiranagar today is among the prime commercial hubs of Bengaluru. Its story is the same as many other prime old residential hubs. With land parcels becoming scarce in the core areas of the city, real estate players across the board report massive redevelopment taking place in these prime areas.

A file photo of Mantri Mall at Malleswaram.

Digbijay Das, Senior Director, Valuation Services, Colliers India, said apart from the Central Business District (CBD) region, comprising M.G. Road, Richmond Road, Residency Road, Infantry Road, Cunningham Road, Sankey Road, Vittal Mallya Road, and Ulsoor, standalone residential developments in Koramangala, Indiranagar, Jayanagar, J.P. Nagar, etc., are being redeveloped into commercial office, retail, and mixed-use development areas. "The increase in commercial activity has led to a rise in land prices and this has prompted the redevelopment. Redevelopment is taking place to fulfil the burgeoning demand for commercial office space, retail, and mixed-use real estate in the CBD region which is starved of vacant land for new development," he said.

> The densification of the area is leading to more traffic, and a strain on water, electricity, sewage network, and other resources
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> **C.N. KUMAR**
> Resident of Jayanagar

Today's scene: Indiranagar was once a popular residential area. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Cause and effect: Increase in commercial activity has led to a rise in land prices. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Growth pains: Old-time residents say the transformation of their living areas has come at a cost. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Sudhanshu Mishra, Principal Partner, Square Yards, an integrated platform for real estate and mortgages, noted significant redevelopment across areas like Indiranagar, Koramangala, and parts of Whitefield, driven by rapid urbanisation and the growing demand for modern infrastructure. "Many older neighbourhoods, once dotted with independent houses, are transforming into high-rise apartments, tech parks, and retail complexes. This shift is largely fuelled by the city's robust IT ecosystem and the promise of higher returns for property owners and developers."

Increasingly, residential pockets are being converted into commercial or mixed-use developments, often resulting in higher property prices and a change in the neighbourhood's character, he said, offering Mumbai's Lower Parel and Bandra-Kurla Complex as examples.

Natural progression

"CBDs remain the cornerstone of urban economic activity, serving as pivotal hubs for commerce and corporate operations. However, the emergence of secondary business districts (SBDs) offers a complementary solution, addressing rising commercial space costs and easing congestion. This shift does not signal the end of CBDs but rather complements their role. In Bengaluru, areas near the CBD have evolved into mature commercial markets. With land availability becoming increasingly constrained, redevelopment emerges as a natural progression. By optimising land use and revitalising ageing structures, redevelopment maximises the potential of the floor area ratio (FAR), enabling the creation of taller buildings or additional usable space, aligning with the city's growing demand for modern infrastructure," he added.

But this transformation has come at a cost, rue old-time residents of these areas who continue to live there.

Sneha Nandihal from I Change Indiranagar, a federation of RWAs, has been at the forefront of a fight against illegal commercialisation of residential areas. "In Indiranagar, there are roads that have been categorised as commercial accesses. However, they shouldn't change the predominant nature of the residential lane. Trade licences are being issued indiscriminately. The process mandates that the officials check the place of trade for sufficient parking, fire safety, and ensure there are no building or zonal violations. If these places are found to be in violation, trade licences should be null and void. But no inspections are happening," she said, adding that there are establishments that do not have parking space for even a bicycle or have come up in setback areas [the minimum amount of open space surrounding a building that must be maintained] and basements.

She also pointed to the many rooftop bars and restaurants that the BBMP had admitted were illegal and had issued notices to them, but there had been no follow up since.

Violation of sanctioned plans

C.N. Kumar, a resident of Jayanagar, said the situation is progressively getting worse in this old residential area too. "There are blatant violations of sanctioned plans. Independent bungalows are being converted into multiple floor dwellings. The densification of the area is leading to more traffic, and a strain on water, electricity, sewage network, and other resources. These are all old layouts and there is additional pressure on the resources now. The government should start looking at stricter implementation of existing rules," he said.

Property developers like Anil R.G., Managing Director, Concorde, acknowledged that residential-to-commercial redevelopment in areas like Indiranagar and Koramangala has led to significant transformations. "For instance, Indiranagar's 100 Feet Road has evolved into a bustling commercial hub, with rental values reaching ₹100 to ₹150 per sqft. This redevelopment has pushed up property prices by 50% to 70%, making it a lucrative opportunity for investors. However, long-term residents often face challenges such as increased traffic congestion. Indiranagar has seen a 30% rise in traffic over the past five years, and noise pollution, altering the quiet residential charm of the area. But, redevelopment has also brought modern infrastructure, better public amenities, and increased footfall, turning these neighbourhoods into thriving urban spaces that cater to a younger, tech-savvy demographic," he added.

A. Mohan Raju, Managing Director and CEO, Kalyani Developers, also said such residential-to-commercial redevelopment in areas like Whitefield typically leads to rising property prices and a higher cost of living. "While this boosts the local economy, it can displace long-term residents as land values and rental rates increase. The neighbourhood may undergo significant changes, with more commercial activity, infrastructure development, and population density, potentially disrupting the peaceful, residential environment. Over time, these areas may become more vibrant and economically prosperous, but the shift could result in the loss of cultural identity and challenges like traffic congestion and sustainability issues. Urban planning will be essential to balance growth with the needs of the community."

No master plan in place

Ironically, the city does not have a master plan in place after the withdrawal of the draft Revised Master Plan (RMP), 2031, though the High Court of Karnataka in May, 2023, clarified that its withdrawal would not "negate all actions taken in pursuance of it, and the actions already taken as per the provisional RMP-2031 before withdrawal must be given due effect to."

In addition, in October, 2022, the High Court of Karnataka directed the BBMP to submit a report on the exercise carried out on the use of residential premises for commercial activities in violation of the law in various parts of the city.

The Division Bench was hearing a PIL petition filed by the Wilson Garden Residents' Welfare Association complaining that several basement floors, stilt floors, and parking areas in the residential zone are being allowed to be used by flower vendors in violation of laws.

BBMP officials were unavailable for comment. The BBMP, this financial year, revised the property tax of 15,731 properties, as the tax being paid was for residential properties despite the buildings being operated under the commercial category. The total pending amount estimated after this revision was ₹398.49 crore. The civic body has so far recovered ₹114.82 crore from 9,260 properties.

'NIMBY' phenomenon

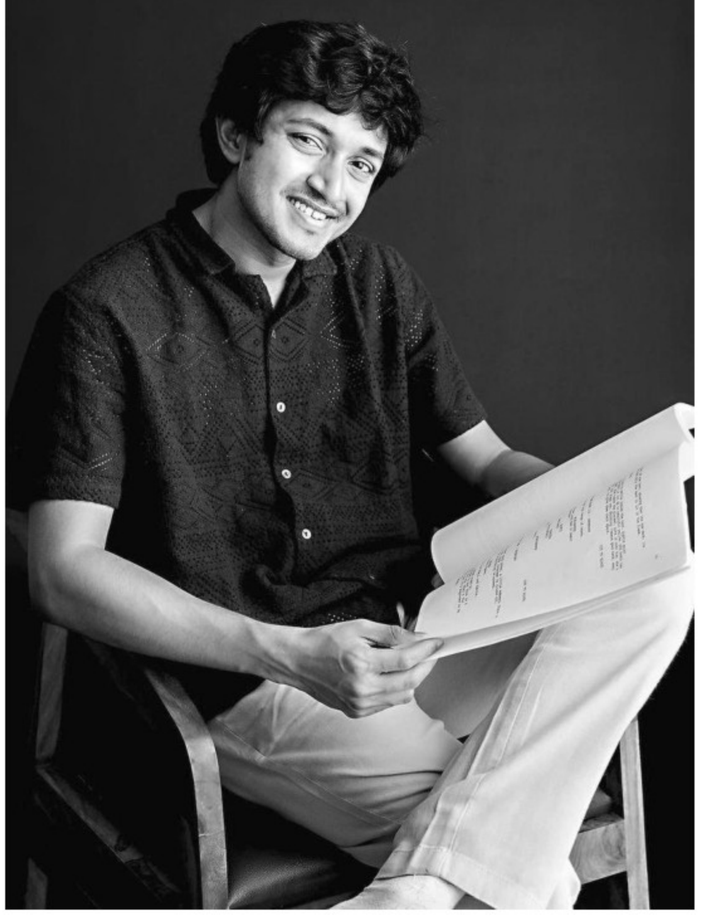
However, Mathew Idiculla, an urban policy expert, said different kinds of cities across the world undergo what is termed redevelopment, urban renewal, or gentrification, but in the Indian context, this process hasn't been as stark or disruptive as seen in other parts of the world. This, he said, could be owing to multiple factors, such as complicated ownership titles and land records having multiple claimants, as well as social and emotional factors.

"There's also resistance from old owners for their neighbourhood not to change. If you look at the regulatory side, the master planning system basically prevents any kind of commercialisation. Planning regulations are highly inconsistent with the realities on the ground, though they are made with good intentions. So, there are blatant violations and everyone wakes up when there is a disaster. There is huge dissonance between the plan of what the city should be and what the character of the city is. There is also the not in my backyard (NIMBY) phenomenon that comes into play," he explained.

What we need, he said, is to have practical norms with some sort of consensus that are implementable, and have enforcement mechanisms. "All interest groups should be considered before forming norms," he added.

Reeling them in

Content creator Nirmal Pillai talks about his upcoming 40-minute film *Bata Boy and Crocs Girl*



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In a world dominated by Instagram reels, storytelling often comes in bite-sized bursts, designed to steal our attention in under a minute. Films, on the other hand, demand a slower, more immersive engagement. Comedian Nirmal Pillai, based in Bengaluru, is transitioning from the former to the latter with a 40-minute multilingual mumblecore (a sub-genre characterised by oft-improvised dialogue and focus on young adult relationships) film, *Bata Boy and Crocs Girl* which recently premiered at the Bangalore International Centre.

This romantic drama takes us into the lives of Gokul and Ishita – two individuals navigating their undefined relationship as they describe it: "We like each other, hang out together, and have sex. But we're not in a relationship." Set in Bengaluru, the film attempts to capture the fleeting charm of urban romances in new cities.

Nirmal, who studied architecture, began making reels during the pandemic. Soon, he became a popular content creator on Instagram. He acted in an Amazon Prime Video anthology, *Putham Puthu Kaalai*, and ventured into stand-up comedy, but becoming a filmmaker was always at the back of his mind.

"It's the main reason I took all these different routes to get there. We made a film in ninth grade. It was a very bad film, 40 minutes long, called *Nanga Kadavul*. It was about some Greek gods coming to Chennai," he laughs, "Despite how bad it was, we still wanted to go back to making films because we had a lot of fun making it."

Making all those reels on Instagram helped him a bit in filmmaking. "The thing I learnt with reels is that humour is more effective when it's simpler. I also edited all my reels, which taught me about editing for humour as different cuts can make you laugh."

But he also had to unlearn a few things. "Reels are fast-paced; this urgency can carry over to writing or staging scenes. But for a film, you must let scenes breathe; giving characters a journey is something I had to learn."

Nirmal's creative sensibilities are shaped by filmmakers who approach cinema as art. One of his biggest inspirations is Martin Scorsese. "Scorsese does things that make you think. For example, the beginning of *The Wolf of Wall Street* – that freeze-frame narration – is such an effective way of storytelling."

Days of our lives Nirmal Pillai, a still from *Bata Boy, Crocs Girl*.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Another major influence is Alphonse Puthren's *Premam*, a film that redefined his understanding of cinematic possibilities. "That film didn't have any marketing; I just walked into it with my parents and was completely mind-blown. It made me realise, 'Oh, I didn't know I could do that in a film.'"

But does today's audience have the patience for longer narratives? "People have shorter attention spans now. But at the same time, people also consume long-format content, like three-hour podcasts and one-and-a-half-hour shows. There's no space in the middle for 10-15 minute content, which suffers the most," he observes.

Nirmal wants to exist in a space between these two extremes. "I'm very clear that I want to make commercially viable movies. Coming from a middle-class background, I know how important money is. But you can make really good films without compromising your vision."

As Nirmal looks ahead, he is already working on his next project: a 12-15 minute adaptation of a comic book he discovered at the Kochi Biennale. "It's about six pages long, and it made me cry at the end. That story stuck with me since college. I met the author and got the rights to adapt it," he shares. The film, featuring comedian Abhishek Kumar, is aimed at film festivals.

This film and *Bata Boy and Crocs Girl* are designed to reposition him as a filmmaker rather than just a comedian.

Bata Boy and Crocs Girl will stream on Youtube from January 11 onwards.

STEPOUT

Pawesome breakfast

The Yard and Heads Up For Tails come together to present a pet-friendly breakfast on January 18. The Yard will donate part of the proceeds to the Whitefield Canine Squad, an animal rescue collective that provides medical aid and support to strays.

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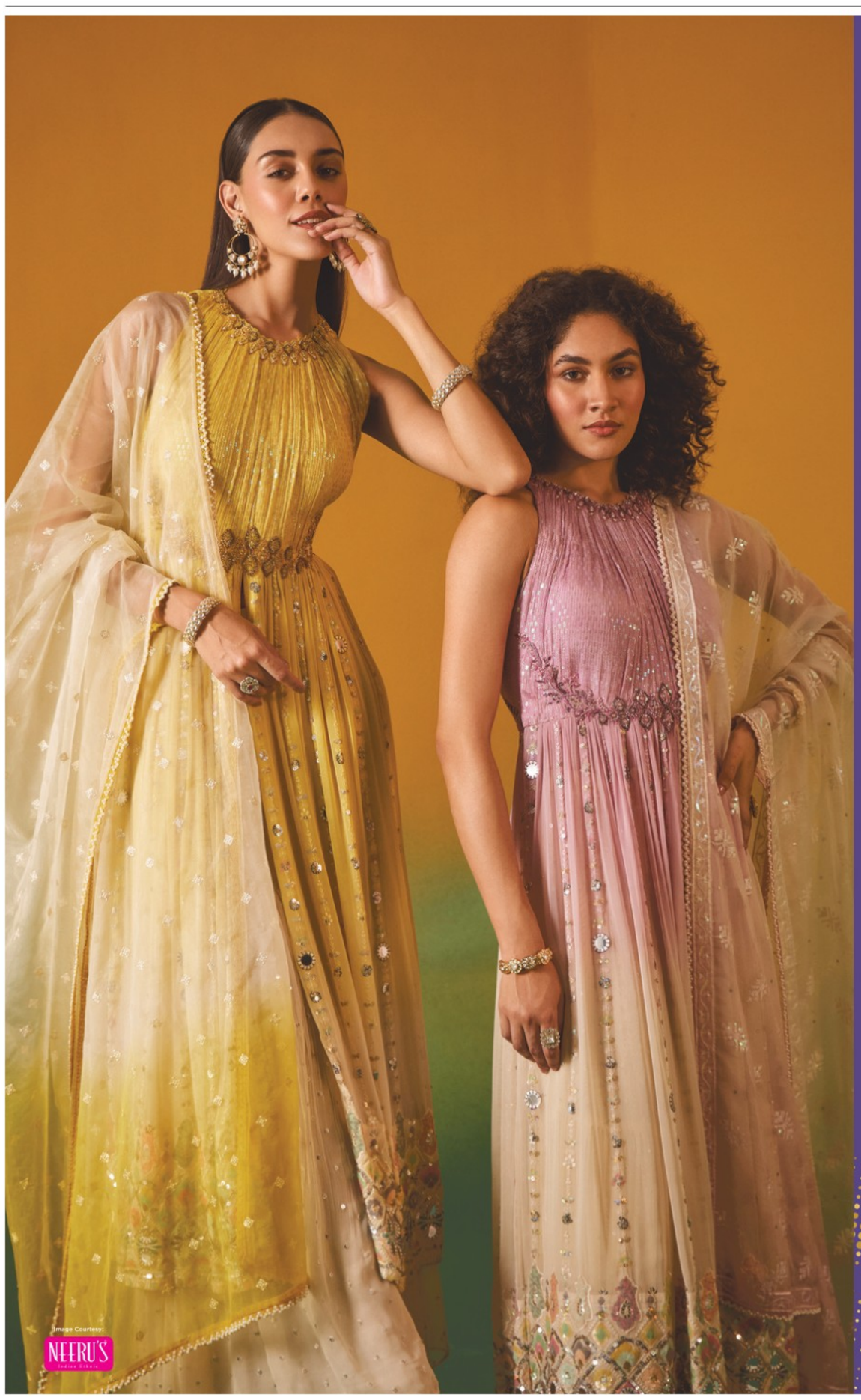

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, HAREESHA Gogineni, R/at C/o Rajesh Bondalapati, No.324 D Block, 3rd Floor, Parimala Rivera Sathya Sai Layout, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066, have changed my name from Hareesha Gogineni to Hareesha Bondalapati, vide affidavit dated 09-01-2025 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

I, FAYAZ, S/o Mahboob Khan, R/a No,54, 7th Cross, 1st Main Road, New Gurappanapalya, Bengaluru-560029 have changed my name to Fayazulla Khan, vide affidavit dt: 08.01.2025 before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru

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I, ZAMRUD Begum, W/o Ali Askar, R/at Flat No.003, Ground Floor, Charu Jasmin Developers Leonard Lane, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025, have changed my name from Zamrud Begum to Zamruth Begum, vide affidavit dated 09/01/2025 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

I, SHANKARE Gowda, R/at C/o Honne Gowda, No.75, Chowdeshwari Nilaya, Maruthi Nagar, Near Maruthi School, J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name from Shankare Gowda to S H Shankar Gowda vide affidavit dated 06/01/2025 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, PRAMOD R Prasad S/o Ramesh N, R/O #135, Pushee Nilaya, C.Q.A.L Layout,Attur,yelahanka new town 5th phase ,Bangalore 560064. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Pavisshna P Prasad who is about 07 years and 6 months old, she shall henceforth be known as Paviishnaa P Prasad. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this regard.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI

C.M.A. 574 OF 2023

Between:
Syed Summiya Fanous ...Appellant
And
Syed Khaleel ....Respondent
To
Syed Khaleel, S/o.Syed Ubedulla, aged 38 Years, Muslim, R/o.Thilak Nagar, Molakalmur Town, Chitradurg Dist., Karnataka.

You being the Respondent in the above appeal C.M.A.574/2023 on the file of Hon'ble High Court, A.P., not receiving notices sent by Appellant/Syed Summiya Fanous, who being your wife, on the directions of the Hon'ble High Court. On 26.12.2024, the Hon'ble High Court directed your wife/Appellant to take substitution service by way of paper publication against you/Respondent in the appeal in C.M.A.574/2023 on the file of Hon'ble High Court of A.P., and directed the said case to be listed after three weeks therefrom. You are therefore informed to appear or cause appearance through your Advocate before the Hon'ble High Court by that date, failing which the matter will be decided on merits by the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

K.H.V. SIVA KUMAR,
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Govt. of Jharkhand
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
e-mail--- eercdapfsdran-jhr@nic.in

e-Procurement Very Short Notice (2nd Call)

e-Tender Reference No .-RCD/FSD /AP/ RAN/**48**/24-25 Dated **08.01.2025**

1-	Name of Work	Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed project report for construction of – Kodarjanna (NH-80) to Mirzachowki RCD road (MDR-207) via Raksi asthan road including replacement of culverts and bridges, proposal of new culverts and bridges, complete Land Acquisition Proposal including ownership details , Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal and Forest Diversion Proposal including clearance of all stages etc as required all complete as per latest guidelines, at Sahebganj in the state of Jharkhand. from Consultants empanelled in Category-I with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no -3063(S) W.E dated 22-08-2022 are allowed to bid.
2-	Work completion time	45 Days
3-	Tentative Length	6.00 km
4-	Cost of Tender Document & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Cost of Tender Document** - Rs 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand)(Non-Refundable) through online mode only. **EMD :-** Rs- 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) through online mode only.As per the Departmental Letter no.-4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit will be received in online mode only through e-procurement portal (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) by Internet banking/ NEFT/ RTGS facility as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no- 120 dated 03.10.2023.
5-	Date and Time of Publishing of Tender on official website	13.01.2025, 05.00 PM
6-	Last date and Time of submission of Tender (With Tender Fee and EMD)	21.01.2025, 12.30 PM
7-	Date and Timing of Bid opening	22.01.2025, 12.30 PM
8-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhavan, 56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002, Mobile No-8051090751
9-	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
10-	Pr No	338130 Road (24-25)

For further information please go through the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
Field Survey Division, A.P
Road Construction Department, Ranchi

PR 343915 Road (24-25)_D

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client is intending to Purchase the Schedule Property from its owner namely **Sri. ASHWIN KUMAR** S/o Late. M. Chandrahasa, aged about 49 years, Residing at No. No.1-17-1105, Malaraya Temple Road, Urva Chilimbi, Mangalore-575006.

Any person having any manner of claim, right, title and interest over the Schedule Property are hereby notified to register their claim with copies of documents to the undersigned, within 07 days from this date of Public Notice. If no claims or objections are registered, my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the Schedule Property, deemed to be free from all encumbrances. Any claims received beyond 07 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Northern portion of the Property bearing Site No.435/A, having old BBMP Khata No.461/4082/435/A-1, New EPID Khata No.6381751070, situated at Sector-II, Hosur Sarjapura Road Layout (also known as H.S.R Layout), Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.19 Meters and North to South 9.145 Meters, in all measuring 111.47 Square Meters now within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and bounded on the:-

East by : Road; West by : BDA Property; North by : Site No.436/A; South by : Southern Portion of the Schedule A Property Belong to Sri.Battepati Manjula and Sri.Battepati Harish.

Girish S, Advocate
No.995, 26th Cross, 17th Main, 26th Cross, 3rd Sector, H S R Layout, Bangalore-560102. Ph:7259833337

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my clients **Mr. Naresh V. G, Son of Late. Govindaiah V. N, & Mrs. Shruthi M. V, Wife of Mr. Naresh V. G,** are joint and absolute owners of the residential property bearing site No.61, having Khatha Number Sl.No-35 Old no-270/61 New number- 36 and Present bearing BBMP E Aasthi Katha 3196942747, Property No.35/270/61/36, formed in converted Sy.No.50/2, vide Conversion Order passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)433/1988-89, dated 22.08.1992, measuring East to West 30 Feet., and North to South 40 Feet., in all measuring 1200 sq.ft., situated at Hoodi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. WHEREAS my clients have acquired the said property by virtue of sale deed 09.12.2022, registered as document No.KRI-1-10731-2022-23, Book-1, Stored in CD No.KRID1637, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R. Pura, Bangalore.

Therefore, the Notice is hereby given that any unauthorized entry by any individuals or presence on schedule property is strictly prohibited. Any individual/agents found committing trespass, creating obstruction and false claims of ownership on the said property, will be subject to legal action under [specific law or statute], including potential arrest and criminal prosecution. All persons are hereby cautioned to respect property boundaries and refrain from trespassing & false claims of ownership, therefore any unauthorized interference will result in prosecution under civil and criminal laws.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property Bearing **Site No.61,** having Khatha Number Sl.No-35 Old no-270/61 New number- 36 and Present bearing BBMP E-Aasthi Katha 3196942747, Property No.35/270/61/36, formed in converted Sy.No.50/2, vide Conversion Order passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)433/1988-89, dated 22.08.1992, measuring East to West 30 Feet., and North to South 40 Feet., in all measuring **1200 sq.ft.,** situated at **Hoodi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** and bounded by: **East: Site No. 60; West: Site No.62; North: Site No.77; South: 30 feet wide Road.**

Ashvik Law Associates,
Office at No 24, First Floor, Sri Rama Mandir Road, Near to Lalbagh Metro Station, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. Mob : 9916590318

ಪುರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ
ಅತ್ತಿಬೆಲೆ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–560 099
ಫೋನ್: 080–27834655, E-Mail: itstaff_ulb_bommasandra@yahoo.com
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: TMCB/ENG/MF/TR08/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.01.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

(ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಆರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಂತೆ)

ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ ಪುರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪುರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ ಪುರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುವ **20 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 328.80 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ** ಐಟಂವಾರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಏಕಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ/ ದೀರ್ಘಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.01.2025ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.01.2025ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ **itstaff_uld_bommasandra@yahoo.com** ಅಥವಾ ಪುರಸಭೆಯ ಕಿರಿಯ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ

ವಾಸಸಂ/ವಾಪ್ರ/ಜೆಎ/4252/2024–25

ಸಹಿ/–
ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಬೊಮ್ಮಸಂದ್ರ

DEPARTMENT FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS
Podium Block, V.V.Tower, Ground Floor, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi Road, Bangalore 560 001. Telephone No. 080-22866066, 080-22866046
Email Address: **dirdwdscka@gmail.com**

Tender Notification No: DEDSC/JDE/C3/16/2024-25 Dated: 09-01-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement only)

Tender is invited by the Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, under e-Procurement platform/e-portal in two parts (i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid) from the original manufacturers or their authorized dealers for supply of Talking Laptop for the Visual Impairment Students for the year 2024-25 to the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. The interested bidders may see further details and may login in website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

The tender can be submitted on or before **23-01-2025 till 3:00 PM.** The technical bid will be opened on **24-01-2025 at 4:00 PM** and the financial bid will be opened on **28-01-2025 at 11:30 AM.** Department reserves all rights to accept, reject, incorporate changes and retender without giving any reasons. The details can be obtained from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V.V.Tower, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No:080-22866066, 28860907. For more info please see department website **www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director,
Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4243/Zen/2024-25

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tenders from empanelled contractors and also willing to empanel in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Last date for submission of bid: 22.01.2025 upto 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School at Arakeri Village, Vijayapura Town, Vijayapura District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number KHB/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 451 & IFT No. 231/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**: Rs. 7,56,78,565/-.
2	Construction of Minority Welfare Department Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School at Gundlupet Town, Chamarajanagara District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number : KHB/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 456 & IFT No. 233/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**: Rs. 7,26,10,485/-.
3	Construction of Minority Welfare Department Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential College at Hoskote Town, Bengaluru Rural District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/BD/ WORK_INDENT 452 & IFT No. 232/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**: Rs. 7,26,26,843/-.
4	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School (Phase-3) at Kapalapura Village, Bidar Town, Bidar District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number : KHB/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 457 & IFT No. 235/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**:Rs. 7,59,61,745/
5	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School at Kunchignala Village, Chitradurga Town, Chitradurga District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number : KHB/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 449 & IFT No. 230/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**: Rs. 7,61,35,112/-.
6	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School/College at Mallasamudra Village, Gadag Town, Gadag District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number: KHB /2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 431 & IFT No. 229/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**: Rs. 6,99,53,669/-.
7	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School (Navodaya Type Phase-2) at Satanuru Village (Sankanuru), Raichur Town, Raichur District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number : KHB/2024-25/BD/ WORK_INDENT 458 & IFT No. 236/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**: Rs. 7,59,15,737/-.
8	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School (Navodaya Type) at Balached Village, Yadgir, Yadgir District (New Creation/Upgradation) under PMJVK Scheme. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/BD/ WORK_INDENT 455 & IFT No. 234/2024-25, Date: 08.01.2025. **Amount put to tender**: Rs. 7,56,93,140/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/4245/AKAR/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

By E_Mail/e-Despatch: E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia,Balasore

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

"e"- Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No.16 of 2024-25

Letter No: - 56 Date. 07/01/25

1. Name of the Work : (MMSY-CMRL Road, MMSY-TRIP Road and MMSY-Improvement to existing RD road)
2. Total No. of Work : 74 Nos. of Work
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore.	NCB No.-11	13.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	29.01.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	28.01.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	30.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in

O-1192: *Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.*
OIPR-25105/11/0022/2425

ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED ELCOT
(ELCOT) CHENNAI – 600035.
TENDER NOTICE

ELCOT invites tenders for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of IT Hardware for Government Departments / Agencies on Rate Contract basis. For details, Please visit **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

S. No.	Tender No.	Tender Description	S. No.	Tender No.	Tender Description
1	33857	UPS Systems & UPS Batteries	16	33872	Multimedia Projector
2	33858	Display Monitor, TV & Interactive Displays	17	33873	Mini PC
3	33859	Tablet & Mobile Phone	18	33874	IP Camera
4	33860	Desktop Computer	19	33875	Storage Devices
5	33861	Laptop Computer	20	33876	Office Productivity Tools & Server Software
6	33862	SSL & DSC	21	33877	Antivirus
7	33863	All in One Desktop	22	33878	IT Consumables
8	33864	Printers	23	33879	Videowall
9	33865	Scanners & Plotters	24	33880	Linux Products
10	33866	Servers & Workstation	25	33881	Zoom & Webex License and Microsoft Teams
11	33867	Cisco or Equivalent Products	26	33882	Computer Furniture
12	33868	Networking Components	27	33883	PA Systems
13	33869	Firewall	28	33884	Information Kiosk
14	33870	Biometric Systems	29	33853	CM VC - Inaugural event
15	33871	Video Conferencing Systems			

MANAGING DIRECTOR,
ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED,
692, II Floor, M.H.U. Complex, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035.
e-mail: md@elcot.in URL: www.elcot.in

DIPR/117/Tender/2025

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-40/755/2024-25 Date: 09.01.2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Providing and fixing gantry reflective direction board, line marking, RPM/Road studs, sign Boards and other road safety items at Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, Phase-1,2 & 3 at Tumakuru District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **24.01.2025** upto **4.30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4262/Zen/2024-25

OREDA LIMITED
(Under the Department of Energy Government of Odisha)
(CIN No: U35105OD2024SGC045786)
(ISO 9001:2008 / ISO 14001:2004)
S/59, MANCHESWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
BHUBANESWAR-751010, ODISHA
Website : www.oredaodisha.com ; E-mail : ceoreda@oredaorissa.com

e-Tender Call Notice

Notice No: 55 / OREDA Limited Date: 08/01/2025

Request for Empanelment (RfE) is invited through e-tender portal from eligible bidders for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Transport, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Off-Grid Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping Systems (SPWPS) of 1-7.5 HP capacities in the State of Odisha including complete system warranty and its repair and maintenance for 5 Years under Component-B of PM-KUSUM scheme of MNRE, GoI.

1.	Date of publication of NIT on E-procurement website and OREDA Limited website	08.01.2025
2.	Due date of pre-bid query submission as per format of NIT	15.01.2025, Time : 5.00 PM
3.	Date and time of pre-bid meeting through virtual mode https://meet.google.com/ziw-xxrz-dbb	17.01.2025, Time : 11.30 A M
4.	Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and price bid.	10.02.2025, Time : 5.00 P M
5.	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only Bidders must submit the COST OF BID, BID SECURITY, AND POWER OF ATTORNEY ONLY in hard copy along with JV agreement/Consortium copy (if applicable), as specified in the tender documents. Submitting any additional documents in hard copy.	13.02.2025, Time : 5.00 P M
6.	Tentative date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for both online copies and hard copies, except price bid.	15.02.2025, Time: 12.00 P M
7.	Due date and time for the opening of online price bid applicable only for the bidders whose Technical Bids shall be responsive.	To be intimated later

Details can be seen from the website **https://www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA** or **www.oredaorissa.com**. Further corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

-SD-
Chief Executive Officer

CAD-2126 : OIPR-04065/11/0031/2425

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR TENDER
(only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

Sl. No	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount		Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1.	South-East-2	BWSSB/EE(SE-2)/TO/PB/2547/2024-25 Date: 08.01.2025 (Call-2)	Rs. 34,03,203/- Rs.68,100/-		17.01.2025 upto 4:00 pm	20.01.2025 after 04:30 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-East-2)

2.	East-1	BWSSB/EE(EAST)-1/PB/3593/2024-25 Date: 07.01.2025	1.	Rs. 40,44,550/- Rs.80,900/-	16.01.2025 upto 4:00 pm	18.01.2025 after 05:00 pm
3.			2.	Rs. 64,46,206/- Rs. 1,28,930/-		
4.			3.	Rs. 68,64,424/- Rs. 1,37,300/-		
5.		BWSSB/EE(EAST)-1/PB/3595/2024-25 Date: 07.01.2025	4.	Rs. 67,04,606/- Rs.1,34,100/-		
6.			5.	Rs. 57,44,679/- Rs. 1,15,000/-		
7.			6.	Rs. 81,71,287/- Rs. 1,63,430/-		
8.			7.	Rs. 47,68,661/- Rs. 95,400/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (East-1)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the abovesigned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/4242/SSC/2024-25

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BALLARI MEDICAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH CENTRE, BALLARI.

Reg.No:205/1995-96-Recognized by Medical Council of India, New Delhi vide No:MCI-57(3)/79-Med/1912, Dtd.16-04-1979
e-mail-ids:directorbmcrcbellary@gmail.com,
website : https://vims.karnataka.gov.in

NO. BMCRC/TENDER/GNL-1/07/2024-25 DATE:-08.01.2025

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from providing Man power for Technician and Other Staff to BMCRCBallari under Two bid system through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka as per the KTPP Act-1999-2000. The interested bidders are request to submit Tender in above said e-portal from **08/01/2025 to 22/01/2025up to 5.00 PM.**The total approximate cost of tender is **Rs.185.00 Lakhs.** Further details may be obtained in the above said website and **https://bmcrcballari.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Dean & Director, BMCRC, Ballari

DIPR/Ballari/764/KSMCA/2024-25

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, No.194, T. Mariyappa Road, Opp. Lalbagh South Gate, Siddapura Circle, Bengaluru.

No. EE/CPD/KPP/06/2024-25 Date: 08.01.2025

Corrigendum-1

Subject: Corrigendum of Tender.

Ref: Short Term Tender Corrigendum No. EE/CPD/KPP/06/2024-25, Dated: 17.12.2024

With regards to above mentioned subject and reference tender was invited vide reference No. EE/CPD/KPP/06/2024-25, Dated: 17.12.2024 the Sl.No. 1 to 8 works of the said tender has been cancelled do to technical reasons and the works of Sl.No's 9 and 10 and the schedule dates will remain un changed. Schedule dates are as under.

Calendar of events: (1) Pre bid meeting will be held on **13.01.2025 at 3:00 p.m. (2)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Documents is **17.01.2025 upto 4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of Technical bid opening of Tenders on **18.01.2025 at 4:30 p.m. (4)** Date of Financial bid Opening of Tenders is on after Technical bid approved.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, BBMP.

KOLAR DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED., KOLAR

[P.B No. 63, N.H - 75, Huthur Post, Kolar – 563102. Karnataka]
(Ph.No 08152-282 310/350/331,7760964517,E-Mail-komulpurchase@yahoo.com)

IFT No. KMU/ PUR/ E-PROCUREMENT/10078/2024-25 Date: 06.01.2025

****E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION****

The Kolar Milk Union Limited, Kolar invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the supply of the following materials.

Sl.No.	Description of Material	Qty
01	Supply of Uniform Cloth (Shirting, Suiting, Safari & Khaki)	**Shirting : 520.2 Mtrs Suiting : 441 Mtrs**
02	Supply of Uniform Cloth(Sarees and Blouse)	**Sarees : 106 No's Blouse : 159 Mtrs**
03	Issue of Shoes & Socks/Chappals for Employees of KOMUL	**207 pairs**

Access to E-tender Documents : **09.01.2025 to 29.01.2025 5.30 PM**
Last date for submission : **on or before 29.01.2025, 5.30 PM**
Date of opening of Tech. Tender : **31.01.2025, 11.00 AM onwards**
Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website **https://Kppp.karnataka.gov.in/.**

Sd/-M.D.KOMUL

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. 49, "Parisara Bhavan", 1st to 5th Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru-560001, Karnataka, INDIA.
Ph: 25581383, 25589112, 25586520 Fax: 080-25586321
E-mail: ho@kspcb.gov.in Website: https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

NO. PCB/115/17 CAT/HPI/EPH/2024/4171 DATE: 09.01.2025

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s Global Organic Pvt Ltd, have proposed to Establish Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and API intermediates manufacturing unit along with R & D facility at Sy No.140/*/1, Muttangi Village, Chitaguppa Taluk, Bidar District.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: **14.09.2006** and Amendment dated: **09.05.2022**, the Project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference No.IA-J-11011/275/2024-IA-II(I) dated: **16.06.2024.** issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI and request letter of the project proponent received at Board office on **23.09.2024,** the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Company & Address : **M/s Global Organic Pvt Ltd,** Road No.34, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Shaikpet, Telangana-500033.

2. Location of the Proposed Project : Sy No.140/*/1, Muttangi Village , Chitaguppa Taluk, Bidar District.

3. Project proposed : Establishment of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and API intermediates manufacturing unit along with R & D facility.

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing : Date: 12.02.2025 (Wednesday).Time: 11:00 A.M Place: Project site, M/s Global Organichem Pvt Ltd, No.140/*/1, Muttangi Village, Chitaguppa Taluk, Bidar District.

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bidar District, Bidar. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bidar District, Bidar. (c) District Industries Centre, Bidar District, Bidar. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Plot No.42, B2 Naubad Industrial Area, Bidar-585403. (e) Muttangi Village Panchayat, Chitaguppa Taluk, Bidar District. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) Helpdesk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

Note: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Deputy Commissioner, Bidar District. Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website **: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

No.: KPTCL/HRDC/CIVIL/B-78/47181/2024-25 Date: 09.01.2025

KPTCL invites bids from eligible bidders for the work of Supplying, Installing, Testing and Commissioning of 125 KVA Diesel Generator set for Human Resource Development Centre, KPTCL at Hoody, Bengaluru. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 23,28,000/-** (Inclusive GST@18%).

The bids will be received through KPP Portal mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry can be got by logging on to KPTCL Website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with Hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** after **4:00p.m. on 16.01.2025.** For further details, contact office of the undersigned during office working hours.

Sd/- Administrator,
Human Resources Development Centre, KPTCL,
White Field Road, Hoody, Bengaluru-560 048.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ

ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ.ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–1/ ಮ.ಪ. ಟೆಂಡರ.ಪ್ರ–13/2024–25/3703 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08–01–2025

ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ (Call-2) ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ದತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ,ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–1/ಟೆಂಡರ– 13/2024–25/3032 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–11–2024

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖದ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದ 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ **4059-Juditial Building** ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದ **Construction for Senior/ Junior/ Fast Track/Judge Quarters Building at Bhatkal, Bhatkal Taluk, Uttara Kannada Dist. (PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 11908)** ರೂ. 159.06 ಲಕ್ಷದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರನ (Call-2) ದಿನಾಂಕದ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 16–01–2025 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 17–01–2025 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 18–01–2025 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (4) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 20–01–2025 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/716/24-25 dt.09.01.2025

ರಾಜೀವ್ ಗಾಂಧಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ

4ನೇ ಟಿ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಜಯನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 041
ದೂ: 080–29601928

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಆರ್.ಜಿ.ಯು/ಇಎಸ್.ಟಿ/53/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07.01.2025

ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ರಾಜೀವ್ ಗಾಂಧಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ, ಅನುಭವ/ಅರ್ಹತೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಜಾಲತಾಣ: **http://www.rguhs.ac.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವ–ವಿವರ(**Resume**) ಗಳನ್ನು ಕುಲಸಚಿವರ ಇಮೇಲ್ **registrar@rguhs.ac.in** ಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.01.2025 ರೊಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ನಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಪದನಾಮ	ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ
1	**Programmers**	01
2	**Junior Programmers**	03

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಎಸ್ಐ/4241/2024–25

ಸಹಿ/– ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು

ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ
Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences

(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Sy. No. 124, Yadapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chamarajanagar - 571313
Email : directorcimscrnagara@gmail.com
Tel : 08226-226701, Website : https://cimscrnagara.karnataka.gov.in

No. CIMS/Tender/Tele/60/2024-25 Date : 19-12-2024

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub : E-Tender for Tele Reporting of Radio Diagnosis at the CIMS teaching hospital - reg.

The Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 Rule 2000 from Authorized agencies for Tele - Reporting of M.R.I., CT Scans & X-ray at teaching hospitals of this Institution. The tender documents may be downloaded from https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and last date for uploading tender is 10-02-2025 at 5.00 pm.

If, the last date for uploading the tender will be declared as Govt. Holiday, the next working day will be treated as last date. No separate notification will be issued in this regard. Tender accepting authority is having all the rights to reject / cancel the tender at any time. Further information may be collected from the Office the Dean and Director of this Institute.

Sd/- Dean and Director,
CIMS, Chamarajanagar.

DIPR:CHANAGAR:537:2024-25

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited,
Upper Tunga Project Division, Shimoga
Ph : 08182-257189 Fax : 08182-254832
E-mail : eeutpsmg@gmail.com

SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

1)No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.25/2024-25 Dated: 07.01.2025
2)No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.26/2024-25 Dated: 07.01.2025
2)No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.27/2024-25 Dated: 07.01.2025

On Behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Under signed invites tender Through e-portal system from Eligible contractors coming Under Head of Account 4701 Upper Tunga Project

(1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation is Rs 32.82, 296.53 & 381.25 lakhs (Excluding GST). (2) Last date for questions/clarifications regarading the tender **: 13.01.2025 upto 5.30 p.m** (3) Date for Submission of filled tenders from **07.01.2025 up to 17.01.2025 to 5.29 P.M**

Further details on date of opening the Tender/Detail of work E.M.D. Amount/Terms and Conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, Etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the Under signed during office hours or in website **Https:\\kppp.Karnataka.gov.in** for further details the office of the Undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone No 08182-254832 Information can be obtained through **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in/**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL,U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.52-01 zenkar/2024-25

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
242513 005536	Sodium Soap (Imported / Indigenious) required for Deinking Plant. Qty (MT) - 300	20.01.2025
242513 005557	Procurement of Hydrogen Peroxide 50% for Unit-I and Unit-II.	24.01.2025
242513 005559	Bleached Hardwood Kraft Pulp (BHKP) for Unit-I & Unit-II	20.01.2025
242513 005567	Steaming (Non-Coking) Coal in Bulk (Imported) with 4200 GAR of Indonesian origin	24.01.2025
242523 003460	Supply of 11kV HT Cable for TM#5 in TNPL Unit-II	31.01.2025
242523 003463	Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply, Supervision of Installation & Commissioning of Quality Measurement System (QMS) for Tissue Machine#5 at TNPL Unit-II Site.	29.01.2025
Email	242513005536 - purchase.wp@tnpl.co.in 242513005557 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in 242513005559 - purchase.pulp@tnpl.co.in 242513005567 - purchase.fuel@tnpl.co.in 242523003460 - pmd1@tnpl.co.in 242523003463 - pmd6@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions, tender fee, EMD etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka enterprises)

Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.1 T.R.Division, Munirabad.

EE/KNNL/No.1/TRD/Labour Tender/ 2024-25/3595 Date:07.01.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-2
(Only through e-procurement system)
(Two Cover)

EE/KNNL/No.1/TRD/Labour Tender/ 2024-25/3058 Date:20.11.2024

Tenders in Electronic mode on **"PERCENTAGE BASIS"** are invited in KPP-Portal on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No-1 T R Division, Munirabad, Koppal District., in **Two cover system (cover I and cover II),** under H/A 2701 under Headworks sub-division, Munirabd, for the work 1) Supply of Man power for Camp, T B Dam and Office Building, coming under the preview of Head works Sub Division, Munirabad, for the year 2024-25 (12 Months), for **92.65 Lakhs**, 2) Supply of Man power for water Maintanance of Lake view and Indira Bhavan guest houses, and sanitation section and watch, ward & water management of Hagaribommanahalli project coming under the purview of Head works Sub Division, Munirabad, for the year 2024-25 (12 Months) for **102.11 Lakhs** . The Pre bid meeting will be held on **10.01.2025** @ 11.30 A.M. at Chief Engineer, KNNL, ICZ Munirabd office, Last date for submission of tender documents upto **15.01.2025** at 4.00 P.M & Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) on **16.01.2025** at 4.30 P.M For more information visit web site at (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) & contact undersigned office in all working days during office hours and also via email: trdmrb@gmail.com.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL No.1 T.R.Division, Munirabad

DIPR/Koppal/657/DeshpandePublicity/2024-25

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department

Office of the Director, No. 34, Lotus Towers, Race Course Road, Bangalore -560 001

No. STWD/Training/CR/02/2024-25 Date:09.01.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal only)

The Director, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department has invited Short term Re-tender to provide drone-based photography and videography training to Scheduled Tribe youths (Male & Female) through E-Procurement Portal of **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The eligible bidders can apply the tender through E-Procurement Portal.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Last date for submission of tender	Approx. Tender Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing drone-based photography and videography training to Scheduled Tribe youths (Male & Female).	23.01.2025	4,00,00,000/-

Note: More details can be had from the KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or office of The Director, Scheduled Tribes welfare Department during office hours. Contact No. 080-22261787.

Sd/- Deputy Director,
Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department
Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/JA/4260/2024-25

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BANGALORE

Estate Office, GKVK campus, Bangalore-560065

NO. EO/TN/13/2024-25, DATED: 03.10.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement as per Standard Tender Document KC-6 in Two cover system from reputed Agencies for Empanelment of Tutorials/Training Institutions for providing coaching for students. The details of the notification, schedule, are available in the website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-Procurement payment modes.

The Firm should upload the following documents to become eligible (1) Firm Registration Certificate (2) GST Certificate, GST paid details, Profit & Loss Statements & IT returns of last 5 years; (3) Profile of the Agency; (4) Similar nature of satisfactory work completion certificate; (5) Turnover statement of last 5 years. The scope of the work and evaluation criteria are uploaded along with KC-6. Blank Tender Documents can be down loaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The pre-bid meeting will be held on **20.1.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee Room of Estate Office. Last date and time for uploading the tender through e-procurement is **22.1.2025 up to 4.00 p.m.** The Technical bid will be opened on **24.1.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** Financial bid will be opened on **29.1.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com** or 8046010000/ 8068948777 on working days and this office during working hour, Phone No.**080-23332765.**

Sd/-
Estate Officer

DIPR/CP/4230/Zen/2024-25

‘Neutral’ group in BJP wants central leadership to put the house in order

Leaders not associated with the two rival camps are of the opinion that the BJP is unable to make use of political opportunities as an Opposition party owing to the prolonged factional fight

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

The prolonged squabble between the two rival camps in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) – the rebels and those loyal to State unit president B.Y. Vijayendra – has caused concern among leaders in the “neutral” group in the party who are worried that the party organisation and cadre, particularly grass-root workers, are being adversely impacted.

Frustrated over the unabated fight between the two camps, several leaders from the ‘neutral’ group are contemplating raising it with an appropriate party forum to draw the central leadership’s attention on the need for putting the house in order.

A file photo of the BJP office in Bengaluru. The ‘neutral’ group wants the party leadership to resolve the differences ‘in the interest of the political re-emergence of the BJP in Karnataka’.

Opportunities slipping

“While the two rival camps are engaged in attacks and counter-attacks, either directly or indirectly, the BJP is suffering as the principal Opposition party. In fact, if the BJP has not been able to take advantage of the situation in the Congress government – be it allegations of corruption, scams allegedly involving Ministers, maladministration, and power tussle within the ruling party – then the internal tussle in the party (BJP) has to be blamed,” observed a prominent BJP leader.

Even the campaign against eviction notices issued to farmers by the waqf board would have been more effective if the party was united, he contended, referring to the rebels as well as the party organisation embarking upon separate campaigns on the waqf row.

A former Minister and senior leader said, “What is really annoying is that only about 10% of the party leaders and workers are with each of these rival groups while the remaining cadre and leaders have remained neutral and committed to the party instead of individuals. But this majority group is crippled due to infighting among minority rival groups.” Corrective measures would have to be taken at the earliest in the interest of the party organisation rather than the two rival camps, he argued.

But members of this neutral group have desisted from making any public remarks on organisational issues as they fear that their comments may be seen as emergence of one more rival camp in the party. “Now, we cannot wait furthermore. It does not mean that we will take a delegation to the central leaders like the rival camps. But we will cautiously raise the issue at an appropriate forum of the party and alert the leadership about the extent of damage that the infighting may cause to the party organisation if left unresolved,” he noted.

Going by the indications, they are likely to raise the issue with the central leadership at the earliest during their visit to Karnataka. “We cannot dismiss this as infighting between merely two small groups and watch as mute spectators as it is bound to affect the entire party if allowed to prolong,” a BJP MLA observed.

Not judgemental

“We are not trying to judge whether the issues raised by rebels are important or those raised by the Vijayendra camp are appropriate. But we only want the leadership to resolve the differences in the interest of the political re-emergence of the BJP in Karnataka,” observed a party State functionary.

HC asks trial court not to frame charges against Prajwal for now in a rape case

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While refusing to stay the trial in one of the rape cases against former MP for Hassan Prajwal Revanna, the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday directed the trial court not to frame charges against him till the High Court decides his complaint of not being provided with cloned copies of certain digital data that are part of one of the Forensic Sciences Laboratory (FSL) reports.

However, the High Court made it clear that the trial court could proceed to hear the arguments on the issue of framing of charges against Prajwal.

Prajwal Revanna

Data not supplied

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on a petition filed by Prajwal, who has complained that data, which form part of the FSL report on data retrieved from one of the seized mobile phones, was not supplied to him as required under Section 207 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Without those data he would not be able to effectively defend himself in the trial, it was argued on his behalf while pointing out that denial of the data violated his right. The seized mobile belonged to a driver of Prajwal.

However, Additional State Public Prosecutor B.N. Jagadeesha told the court that all the data on which the prosecution had relied on have been provided to Prajwal while pointing out that data, which Prajwal is seeking, contain thousands of images and videos on several other ‘victim’ women who are not connected to the four rape cases.

Apex court order

Those details cannot be given to Prajwal in terms of a judgment of the apex court, which imposes restriction on the supply of cloned copy of digital evidence to the accused persons as the data sought by Prajwal contain private information of various other women, Mr. Jagadeesha claimed.

The High Court adjourned further hearing on the petition till January 16 to examine whether the cloned copies sought could be provided to Prajwal.

Shivakumar visits temples in Tamil Nadu

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the Varadaraja Perumal temple at Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday offered prayers at Sri Pratyangira temple at Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu. He visited the temple along with his wife and offered prayers. He also visited the Varadaraja Perumal temple at Kanchipuram.

He recently toured abroad and returned to the State after holding consultations with the Congress high command on party matters in Karnataka. Mr. Shivakumar, who has been aspiring for the Chief Minister’s post, has been visiting temples often.

This comes at a time when there is intense debate in Karnataka on “dinner” meetings by groups within the Congress. A proposed meeting by Dalit Ministers and legislators, headed by Home Minister G. Parameshwara, was called off after intervention by central leaders. The Dalit leaders have openly expressed their resentment over the issue.

CM to attend party building inaugural function

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will leave for Delhi on January 14 to participate in the inaugural function of the new AICC headquarters, Indira Gandhi Bhawan, the next day.

Senior leaders, including Congress Working Committee members, AICC office-bearers, MPs, as well as former CMs and former Union Ministers, will be present on the occasion.

Ravi appears before CID

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C.T. Ravi, BJP MLC, who courted controversy for allegedly hurling an abuse at the Women and Child Development Minister, Laxmi Hebbalkar, appeared before the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Thursday to record his statement related to the case.

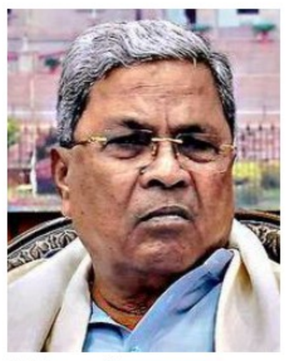
Speaking to the media after the process, he said the officials had recorded his statement with specific reference to the alleged attack on him by some people near the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi after the alleged incident of him abusing Ms. Hebbalkar. The attack was allegedly by irate supporters of the Minister.

“The first attack occurred around 3 p.m. on the portico at the west entrance and the second at around 4.15 p.m. inside the Suvarna Soudha. We suspect there were 25 to 30 attackers,” Mr. Ravi said, and mentioned two names who are the PA of the Minister and another MLC.

Identify reasons for rise in cancer cases in State: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With a rise in the number of patients suffering from cancer receiving treatment in hospitals, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday instructed Medical Education Department officials to conduct a study to identify the reasons for the increase in the number of people suffering from the disease in the State.



Siddaramaiah

Dept. work review

The Chief Minister reviewed the progress of the various government-run hospitals and told officials to ensure the availability of the best treatment for cancer in government hospitals. The meeting was attended by Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil.

On the availability of surplus funds with the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Mr. Siddaramaiah told the officials to utilise the funds for providing basic facilities in government medical colleges. He directed the department to appoint a KAS officer as an administrative officer at NIMHANS, Bengaluru.

A sum of ₹400 crore has been released for the construction and purchase of equipment in government medical colleges and ₹130 crore has been released for the construction of super-specialty hospitals. A sum of ₹4,331 crore has been set aside for the department in 2024-25 and ₹3,099 crore has been released. A sum of ₹3,005 crore had been spent (96.7%).

Allowance to youth

He also reviewed the progress of the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood and said ₹216.38 crore unemployment allowance had been released to 1,61,883 candidates under the Yuva Nidhi scheme. A total of 1,97,060 candidates have registered for the allowance.

‘Uncertainty in Bangladesh can bolster jeans industry in Ballari’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Political uncertainty in Bangladesh has created an opportunity to bolster the jeans industry in Ballari, a traditional hub for the fabric in the State, according to Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil.

He announced that a ‘Jeans Park’ would be established by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) at Sanjeevarayanakote near Ballari.

154 acres acquired

Around 154 acres of land has been acquired for the project, to fulfil the assurance made by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, said the Minister here on Thursday.

Highlighting the potential of the project, Mr. Patil said, “Globally renowned companies are expected to establish their presence in the proposed park.”

Geopolitical context

“The unstable situation in Bangladesh has prompted investors and exporters to explore alternatives, and Ballari has emerged as a favourable destination. We aim to capitalise on this by attracting significant investments in the jeans sector,” he said.

Ballari is home to over 500 jeans manufacturing units, which generate tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs. The Industries Department plans to develop the area into an organised export hub with assistance from the Textile Department. Mr. Patil added that a meeting would soon be held with the Textile Minister to discuss possible incentive options for jeans manufacturing units.

Rahul’s promise

During the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Mr. Gandhi interacted with workers and employers in Ballari’s jeans industry. He assured them of setting up a ‘Jeans Park’. Subsequently, on August 1, 2023, he wrote to the Industries Department regarding implementation of the project.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced the initiative in the State Budget presented in February 2024.

Centre urged to introduce reforms to ensure better drug quality monitoring

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the recent maternal deaths in Ballari district hospital, allegedly owing to the use of not of standard quality ringer lactate solution post-surgery, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has written to Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda and urged him to take the initiative for introducing legislative reform to help improve the quality of drugs not just in Karnataka but across the country.

“Karnataka will be happy to support any reforms that help improve the quality of drugs not just in the State but across the country,” he said in the letter.

Noting the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, a Central legislation, he said, “There is little that an individual State like Karnataka can do to amend the law or its enforcement in other States. The initiative for legislative reform must come from the Union government.” Mr. Rao said over the last few years, there had been an increasing number of incidents across India involving NSQ drugs, the most recent being the deaths of five young mothers in Ballari district allegedly due to contaminated drugs manufactured by a pharmaceutical company located in West Bengal.

He suggested a slew of reforms required to ensure that such incidents do not recur, including the creation of a centralised database that makes drug tests made in different States available across States.

Casualty medical officer posts to be filled

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has ordered an immediate filling up of the vacant casualty medical officer (CMO) posts across the State to enable better delivery of health services in government medical facilities.

The order issued on Tuesday came in the light of a deficiency in medical services for those arriving in emergency situation and also for women and children. The issue was flagged to the Health and Family Welfare Department in January 2024, as 465 casualty medical officer posts, of the sanctioned 706 posts, remained vacant. In the light of huge number of vacancies, permission had been sought to hire the CMOs on contract basis.

On Monday, a review meeting of the Health and Family Welfare Department chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah approved appointing the CMOs on a contract basis following which the order was issued to appoint general services doctors to the post. It also cited that already orders had been issued to hire 337 specialists and 250 general services doctors.

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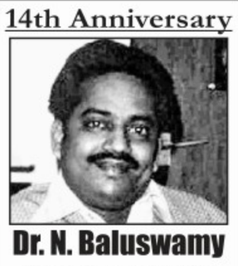

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Cauvery: River of Life turns lens on the magical brown landscapes of MM Hills

The 55-minute documentary highlights the fact that ecosystems and wildlife have evolved over millions of years and they know how to survive

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The documentary shows how each species in the region not only deploys unique strategies to see through the dry season but even use it to their advantage at times. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sanjay Gubbi (right) and director Sara sitting behind branches. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

About halfway into the 55-minute-long documentary *Cauvery: River of Life*, a herd of elephants can be seen approaching a stream of water. It's peak summer at MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary. Everything is a shade of brown and the pachyderms have come wandering a very long distance in search of water. They would be elated to see water finally, one might think; But right next to the stream, the matriarch stops.

With one of her front legs slightly raised, she starts moving her trunk around. Too many smells in the air. Thanks to an unkind summer, there are a large number of takers for the very little water which has become too murky for the jumbos' liking. The elephants cross the rivulet and keep walking. You feel a sense of disappointment for them, but then the magic happens.

A few steps away from the stream, the matriarch starts kicking the ground, her pillar-like leg digging into the earth. As heavy thumps fall on it, the damp soil gives away and with her trunk, she blows into it. Water starts gushing out. A new source. Unpolluted. The elephants drink and move on after having created a new waterhole for the rest of the species too to drink from.

"There is this wrong notion among people that we should feed animals or wildlife with water and fodder during times of scarcity. We wanted to highlight that ecosystems and wildlife have evolved over millions of years and they know how to survive. If we nearly protect the habitat, that's good enough. They will find ways to survive. That's one of the primary ideas we wanted to get out through this film," says Sanjay Gubbi, known as the leopard man of India.

The documentary, where the renowned ecologist for the first time dons the hat of executive producer and scientific advisor, was directed by Sara (Saravana Kumar) and made with the help of the Karnataka Forest Department. A fruit of the labour of several people for four years, it is the first documentary made entirely by an all-Indian crew, Gubbi notes.

The movie was screened earlier this week in Bengaluru in the presence of Eshwar Khandre, Minister of Forest, Ecology and Environment, PCCF Subhash Malkhede and Mysuru MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

Inviting attention

Gubbi and team started their research in MM Hills about 15 years ago. Realising the potential of the landscape for conservation work, they worked with the Karnataka government to notify the MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary as well as to expand the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

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A still from the documentary. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"There are dry deciduous forests and moist deciduous forests in the region. But a large part of it is woodland savannah which is majorly a grassland ecosystem with fewer trees. It has riverine habitats along the river Cauvery and its tributaries, and unique wildlife species such as grizzled giant squirrels, mahseer fish and so on," points out Gubbi who feels that the region has not received enough attention from the public, policymakers or even environmentalists.

"In Karnataka, when we think of wildlife, we only think of Nagarhole, Bandipur and, at best, BRT Tiger Reserve. So, an important intention of the movie was to highlight the landscape, its value and the unique behaviour of its wildlife," Gubbi notes.

Brown is beautiful

Yet another aim of the movie was to counter the prevalent notion that 'brown is bad', or what Gubbi terms as 'nature racism.' The sanctuaries being woodland savannahs go through cycles of green and brown. But the popular imagination in which a healthy forest is thought of as green often gets alarmed on seeing 'brown' forests

"When it dries up, it doesn't mean that area is no more beautiful. It has its own ecosystem and species, and many species adapt to the changing cycles situation," Gubbi notes.

From the helicopter trees that spread their seeds in the summer to otters that rear their cubs inside the thicket of *hole-mathi* tree roots which appear when the river water recedes, the movie shows how each species in the region not only deploys unique strategies to see through the dry season but even use it to their advantage at times.

"We wanted to tell people brown is also beautiful. These are all these natural open ecosystems. People often think they need to go and plant trees in those areas. It's a bit of nature racism. You can plant trees in urban areas, but nature has its own way of regenerating itself," Gubbi says.

He also criticises how people try to meddle with natural processes without understanding them deeply.

"The intentions may be good, but the understanding is missing. We need not give water to elephants or other animals in the forest. And if some animals die due to scarcity of water, it's a part of the natural process by which populations get controlled."

Not another tiger story

While Gubbi, who authored 'Leopard Diaries', has been known for his works around the conservation of large carnivores such as tigers and leopards, the documentary, interestingly, features no big cats. It shows the survival strategies of various species from helicopter trees to termites, from skipper frogs to dholes, from herons to tilapias, from sambars to elephants and more, but in no frame appears a tiger or leopard. The captivating shots ensure that their absence is barely felt.

Gubbi notes that it was a deliberate decision to prevent the movie from becoming 'yet another tiger story.'

"There are tens and hundreds of films on tigers, and it has become an overkill. To get people's attention to nature, the makers of movies often make everything tiger-centric and follow a pattern of storytelling - there would be a tiger, they'd give a name to it; it has three cubs fathered by another tiger... the narrative becomes very monotonous. People forget about the other fauna smaller in size and other habitats. We wanted to make people aware of the smaller parts of the ecosystem which are equally important. "

What started off as a plan to do a 10-minute video showing the location, over time, turned into a long-format documentary.

In the 'behind the scenes' of the documentary, DoP Sripad Sridhar narrates how the crew had to at times apply elephant dung on themselves and around the hide while shooting so that elephants would not catch the human scent.

An alien terrain and animals shy of humans made the process of shooting challenging. Gubbi's knowledge of the landscape, its animals and its natural history came in handy though.

"Sara is very ethically conscious while making films. He did not want to set up stage-managed shots. Nor did we want to disturb wildlife. Since it's quite difficult to spot wildlife in the area, having a very deep knowledge of the landscape and its animals helped the filmmakers a lot," says Gubbi, who feels more such collaborative initiatives, where science, natural history, creative process and forest department come together, should emerge.

While the idea is to do more public screenings and show the movie at schools, colleges and universities, an important part of the future plan includes bringing the Kannada version of the movie.

"We want to take it to the villages, especially to those in and around Cauvery and MM Hills wilderness, villages in Mysuru District, Chamarajanagar District, Mandya District, Ramanagara District.... We would also like to do a Tamil version. We are open to other languages too. It's all done pro bono," says Gubbi.

"This collaboration has to continue, and we would be very happy to do out-of-the box movies like this to build awareness and also to store as an archive for the future generation," he adds.

Ranga Shankara's Sunday theatre programme for children returns

The latest production *Crabbby* will showcase a crab and a stork, come together to rescue their pond that was being littered by humans

Yemen S.
BENGALURU

A scene from Crabbby. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Aha! Sundays, a programme started by Ranga Shankara, a theatre space in J.P. Nagar, is continuing to put on shows for children this year too. Initially started in January, 2023, the programme was planned to bring in at least two plays for children in a month and dedicating two Sundays for younger audiences.

Community bonds

Over two years, the programme has seen close to a hundred shows dedicated for children. According to Ranga Shankara, the initiative brings theatre for children to the forefront, enriching young minds through engaging performances. Ranga Shankara says that by showcasing diverse stories and themes, this programme not only captivates children's imaginations but also fosters empathy and creativity.

"The exposure to live theatre cultivates a deeper appreciation for the arts, encouraging children to express themselves and connect with others. As families gather to experience these performances, Aha! Sundays strengthens community bonds and nurtures a culture that values storytelling and creativity, ensuring a brighter, more imaginative future for all," said the performing space.

Over the last two years several plays including Ranga Shankara's own productions like *Circle of Life, Old Man and the Sea, Chippi the Chipkali, Ee Gida - Aa Mara*, and other plays by various troupes from across the city have been showcased under this programme. Along with the showcases on the main stage, the theatre space has also hosted story telling sessions, painting activities and more during the Sundays.

This year, Aha! Sundays begins on January 12, at 3.30 p.m. and 6 p.m., with Ranga Shankara's latest production *Crabbby*, directed by S. Surendranath. Suitable for children between the ages five to seven. According to the synopsis of the production, the play is about how the characters Crabbby and Storky, a crab and a stork, enemies turned friends, come together to rescue their pond that was being littered by humans. The synopsis explains Crabbby as an intelligent character because he always thinks differently. And that is how he comes up with a brilliant idea to save the pond from the townspeople who would keep throwing garbage in it. Along with being interactive, this story-telling-play is all about working together for a cause and saving the environment.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Surendranath says that environmental conservation is a community commitment and teamwork, and when it is a community commitment, it is imperative that the play is interactive to some extent, where the children play the part of the fish. "How intelligent Crabbby is, is something to be seen and not be heard. His intelligence and how he uses this to save his friends and this pond is part of the play that can not be revealed", he added.

Being part of story

On asked how the play engages children, Surendranath says that children have a role to play in the play to some extent. "One does not need to do anything extra as long one tells the children an interesting story. Children will be part of the story automatically," he said.

Challenges faced

Talking about the challenges he faced to bring the pond's environmental crisis on stage, Surendranath says, "You don't create pond with real water, like you don't create a sea in the play *Old Man and the Sea*. It is in the imagination of a child. You say fish and they believe that they are fish. That's the magic. There is no set to make an impact. In fact, this is a bare-stage act. We just kindle the feeling, and the children feel that and walk along with the story."

Ranga Shankara will also be presenting *Tila*, based on Indian and German folktales directed by Michael Vogel on January 26, and another show of *Crabbby* on February 9. Tickets for the shows are available at the Ranga Shankar box-office and on BookMyShow.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 10, 1975

New Mangalore Harbour Opens New Vistas

Mangalore: Rs. 24.30 crore new harbour at Panambur near Mangalore will be inaugurated on January 11 by the Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi

The new Mangalore Harbour which has opened for limited traffic in June 1974 has already provided berthing facilities for 40 ocean going vessels, big and small and has fulfilled one of the long felt needs of this region. It will herald a new era of Industrial and economic prosperity not only for Mangalore and South Kanara but also Karnataka which needs a major harbour.

Footpath Hawkers Pose Traffic Problem

Bangalore: The frontage of Sri Krishnarajendra Market (city market) and the congested Sampige Road in Malleswaram are a pedestrian's nightmare. It is openly admitted by the civic authorities and the Bangalore police that the number of footpath vendors and hawkers is steadily increasing. Even important and crowded thoroughfares like Kempegowda Road are not free from them. In fact scores of footpath vendors and street hawkers do brisk business on this road in the evening, the most crowded time of the day under the very nose of the police.

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A favourite destination for the trekkers

Kodachadri is about 110 km from Shivamogga. It forms the boundary between Hosanagara taluk of Shivamogga and Kundapur of Udupi district. A good number of people visit the place during the weekend from Bengaluru, Shivamogga, Udupi and other places.
The destination is a favourite for the trekkers.

Expert drivers familiar with the terrain

There are about 200 vehicles with 4X4 driving facility to carry visitors to the hilltop. Tourists visiting Mookambike Temple at Kollur visit Kodachadri Peak with the help of such vehicles. Similar facilities are available in Kattinahole and Nittur villages as well. Driving on the bumpy stretch is risky. Only expert drivers, familiar with the terrain, take up the job.

Sarvagna Peetha atop Kodachadri

Kodachadri forms the background of Mookambika town in Kollur. Those who visit the temple at Kollur, also wish to visit Sarvajna Peetha atop Kodachadri. This is said to be the place where Adi Shankaracharya, the philosopher of the eighth century, visited and meditated.
The visitors who take the jeep ride to the hilltop have to trek to reach the Peetha.

An object of study for experts

The iron pillar located in the Adi-Mookambika temple at Kodachadri has been an object of study for experts. It is about 8.7 metre tall, and the average perimeter is 27.5 cm. Curious about the making of the pillar, the experts concluded that iron was produced by the age-old indigenous solid-state reduction process that was used to make tribal iron.

Several tourist attraction sites

There are many tourist attraction sites around Kodachadri. The trekkers to the peak do not miss picturesque Hindlumane Falls.
Gowri Tirtha, Arasina Gundi Falls, Devaganga Pond, the Nagara Fort, once the centre of administration of Keladi rulers, and Sigandur Temple are some of the other places near Kodachadri.

Kodachadri: Taking a treacherous road to enjoy breathtaking beauty

The peak is 1,343 metres above sea level and attracts hundreds of visitors during the weekends from across Karnataka

Sathish G. T.
KODACHADRI

The Kodachadri peak, which can be reached from Kattinahole village in Hosanagar taluk of Shivamogga district, is 1,343 meters above sea level and attracts hundreds of visitors every year from across Karnataka. During weekends, the nine-kilometre-long rugged mud-and-gravel road to the peak is teeming with 4X4 vehicles carrying tourists, many among them from faraway places such as Bengaluru.

"We thought we won't be able to cross this tough stretch. But the local driver who was on the wheels knew how to navigate," said Ravi Kumar, an employee in a software company who was part of a group of friends. It was a 45-minute nerve-racking ride.

The highest that vehicles can reach is the parking place near Kalabhairava temple. SATHISH G.T.

Treacherous curves

The journey to the top passes through 40 steep curves. At each curve, the drivers exhibit all their skills to navigate the stretch. As they sense a vehicle approaching from the opposite side, they expertly park their vehicles at a vantage spot so that the other vehicle can pass easily. They know that coordination among drivers is key while on the job. Tourists are often so terrified through the ride that most drivers stop for a while midway so that they can shed their fear for a while and enjoy the breathtaking view and the breeze.

The highest that vehicles can reach is the parking place near Kalabhairava temple. From there, there is no path for vehicles. The tourists have to trek to reach the peak. Shankaracharya, a philosopher of the eighth century, who advocated the Advaita philosophy, is said to have visited the peak.

From the peak, visitors get stunning views of the Western Ghats. The peak is part of Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary, the place rich with rare flora and fauna. Spotted deer, Sambar, Common langur, Bonnet macaque are commonly found, besides the rare lion-tailed macaque.

Many enthusiasts take the trekking path to reach the peak. The trek for the 14-km stretch is challenging as well as rewarding. On the way, the trekkers enjoy water streams and a waterfall, Hindlumane. A few schools in Shivamogga take their students for trekking expedition to this place. They stay at the PWD guest house at the top and return the next day.

The Forest Department has fixed a fee of ₹250 for adults and ₹125 for children for trekking. The department allots guides to accompany the trekking groups.

The period from November to February is considered to be the best for trekking. During the monsoon, the region receives highest rainfall.

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Road work and ropeway

Those who prefer to cover the stretch by vehicles take the service of local drivers, who own vehicles with four-wheel drive facilities. Such vehicles are available from Kollur, a popular tourist destination in Kundapur taluk of Udupi district, known for Mookambika temple. There are about 140 such vehicles in Kollur.

A majority of devotees visiting the temple plan a visit to Kodachadri as well. Vehicles are available from Nittur and Kattinahole in Hosanagar taluk of Shivamogga district as well.

The drivers charge over ₹3,500 for a two-way trip from Kollur while those in Nittur and Kattinahole charge between ₹2,000 and ₹3,000, depending on the number of passengers.

Everybody has to take permission to enter the forest at the check posts after paying the fixed fee. Ganesh Naik, who has been driving on the stretch for the last eight years, said that he hardly gets five or six trips a week. "The number of vehicles is very high. Only on rare occasions do we get a chance to make two trips a day," he said.

The mud road that connects Kattinahole to Kodachadri Peak passes through Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary. Earlier, people of the village – Kodachadri – drove bullock carts on that path. According to local people, vehicles were introduced in the last 15 years to ferry tourists to the peak. In the year 2021, the Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) proposed to improve the road.

Many visitors reach Kodachadri hill in vehicles. SATHISH G.T.

Protest from environmentalists

Widening the road from the existing 3.5 metre to 7 metres was proposed so that vehicles could move freely. The objective was to promote ecotourism in the location.

The project required the diversion of forest land that falls within Sagar division and Kundapur division.

Environmentalists have opposed the proposal. They raised concerns over the safety of the hill station and also pointed out that allowing vehicles was a bad idea. They complained to the MoEF against the local authorities and urged the Centre not to allow the road. They also maintained that allowing vehicles on the mud road itself was against the law. The road has not seen any improvement. The Tourism Department of Karnataka has proposed a passenger-carrying ropeway connecting Kollur and Kodachadri under the Centre's Parvathmala project.

Shivamogga MP B.Y. Raghavendra is keen on implementing the project. The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has given its consent for the project, which is expected to cost ₹380 crore. The National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) has worked out a detailed project report after sending a team of experts to the field.

The project is expected to increase the number of visitors to the place and boost the tourism sector.

Backwaters and homestays

The number of tourists and trekkers visiting Kodachadri has also prompted the local people to start homestays in Hosanagar taluk. The trekking teams reach the homestays by Saturday afternoon, stay there, trek to the hilltop the next morning, and return to their place by evening.

"Many of the visitors to my homestay are trekkers interested in exploring the Western Ghats. The terrain is quite challenging for the trekkers. They return home with an unforgettable experience. Besides the trekkers, devotees of the Mookambika temple, located in Kollur, also visit the place in big numbers," said Praveen, who runs a homestay near Nagara.

Of those who visit Kodachadri, some also take time out to enjoy boating in the river Sharavati backwaters and take a ride on the ferry that helps villagers cross the backwaters.

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Following the construction of the Linganmakki dam for power generation, many villages in Sagar and Hosanagar taluks were submerged in water. The development disrupted transport facilities for a large number of people. They are all dependent on ferries. One such ferry is operated at Bilasagara. The ferry operating connects Karanagiri and Brahmana Taruve villages. The ferry can take a four-wheeler, a couple of two-wheelers, and a few people at one go. It reduces the distance between Hosanagar and Kodachadri by over 20 kilometres. The ferry operator also operates boats to enhance his earnings. He takes tourists on rides on the backwaters.

The Hindu's book on Parthasarathy Perumal Temple in Chennai released

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

As part of The Hindu Group's Shrine Series, a book on Sri Parthasarathy Perumal Temple in Triplicane, Chennai was released here by Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited. The book, titled *Thiruvallikeni - Divine Abode of Lord Parthasarathy*, has well-researched articles on the history of the temple, the puranic accounts, and has stunning visuals captured over the years by *The Hindu*'s photographers.

Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson, THGPPL, releasing the book in Chennai on Thursday. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

The temple is unique in many ways – it has five deities, all of whom have been praised in the *Nalayira Divya Prabandham*. Sri Balarama is enshrined along with Lord Krishna, which again is a unique feature of this temple, which has two Brahmotsavams, one for Lord Parthasarathy – the presiding deity – and one for Lord Yoga Narasimhar.

The book has articles on the five deities, the Brahmotsavams, the *prasadams*, unique aspects of Balarama worship, an illustrious family which was associated with V.O. Chidambaram Pillai's Swadesi Steam Navigation Company, the *Bhattars* of the temple and much more to read and savour. Articles on a tussle between the trustees of the temple and the municipality sometime in the early 1900s; how the area takes its name Thiruvallikeni from the temple tank; the Vivekananda connect, the *pasurams* and *kritis* on Parthasarathy are included in the book.

Sridhar Aranala, Vice-President (Sales and Distribution) of The Hindu Group, said, "On this auspicious occasion of Vaikunta Ekadasi, the release of *Thiruvallikeni - Divine Abode of Lord Parthasarathy* is a valuable addition to The Hindu Group's Shrine Series."

The cover price of the book is ₹399 and a special offer of ₹300 is available till January 20, 2025 on account of Vaikunta Ekadasi, Pongal and Makara Sankranti festivals. The book can be bought at https://publications.thehindugroup.com/bookstore/

Parents arraigned as accused in Walayar sisters' death case

CBI charges parents of Kerala siblings, aged 13 and nine, who ended their life under mysterious circumstances in 2017, with abetting rape and suicide and not reporting incidents to the police

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arraigned the parents of the two minor girls who were found dead hanging at their house in Walayar in 2017 in mysterious circumstances following alleged rape, as accused in the case.

This was stated in a supplementary chargesheet filed by the agency on Wednesday. They have been charged with abetting rape and suicide, and not reporting the rape incidents to the police. The parents have been charged under Section 109 of the Indian Penal Code and provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Loud and clear: Members of the Justice for Walayar Kids Forum protesting before the Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram. FILE PHOTO

A total of six chargesheets were filed before the CBI court here. As per the chargesheets, the parents abetted the rape and suicide and deliberately concealed the fact that their daughters had been raped by the persons charged with the offence. The persons charged in connection with the death of the elder girl are Valiya Madhu, Shibu, Pradeep, and Kutti Madhu, while Valiya Madhu and a minor boy were charged for the death of her younger sibling.

The siblings, aged 13 and nine years, were found dead hanging in a shed near their house at Walayar within a span of two months in 2017. The Walayar police concluded that the girls were sexually abused for nearly a year, following which they ended their lives.

Tirupati stampede: CM Naidu suspends two officials and orders judicial probe

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUPATI

The axe of accountability has fallen on two officials for the death of six devotees in the stampede in Tirupati on Wednesday night. The State government announced the suspension of two officials.

Addressing the media here on Thursday, after inspecting the scene of stampede and interacting with the officials, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu cracked the whip on the erring officials and suspended Deputy Superintendent of Police Ramana Kumar (who opened the gate without prior announcement, leading to the stampede) and TTD's Sri Venkateswara Gosamrakshanasala (Dairy Farm) Director K. Haranath Reddy (who was in-charge of the token distribution centre).

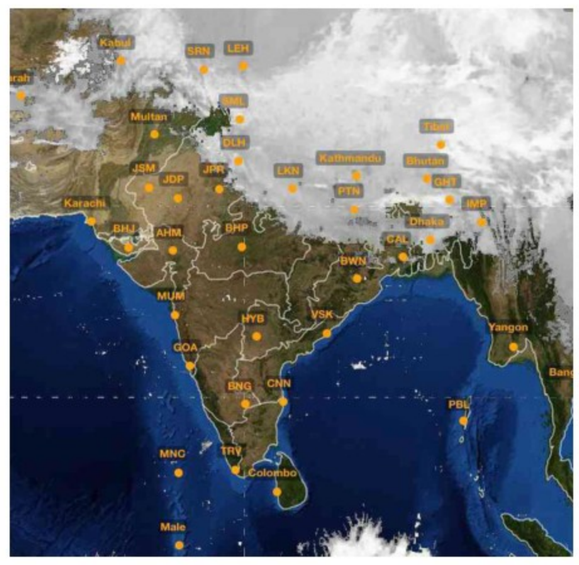
Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu interacting with a devotee injured in the stampede, at SVIMS in Tirupati on Thursday. ANI

Mr. Naidu minced no words when he said that he had indeed found gaping loopholes in coordination among the officials, which had led to the stampede.

Mr. Naidu also announced the decision to go for a judicial probe to find out the reasons that led to the stampede. "The probe panel will study the facts and give us a report, based on which we will fix responsibility," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Cold wave condition likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh. Dense fog conditions likely in isolated pockets of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Jharkhand and Odisha during night/morning hours

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	23.2	11.6	Kozhikode	—	34.5	23.4
Ahmedabad	—	27.7	12.8	Kurnool	—	30.4	17.8
Aizawl	—	23.2	12.1	Lucknow	—	20.2	6.2
Allahabad	—	22.5	6.8	Madurai	—	31.2	21.1
Bengaluru	—	26.0	14.9	Mangaluru	—	32.7	20.6
Bhopal	—	24.8	5.0	Mumbai	—	34.1	17.9
Bhubaneswar	—	26.7	15.1	Mysuru	—	30.0	15.5
Chandigarh	—	18.5	6.1	New Delhi	—	21.2	4.8
Chennai	—	29.8	22.7	Patna	—	18.7	9.5
Coimbatore	—	27.9	19.5	Port Blair	11	30.3	24.2
Dehradun	—	17.3	7.4	Puducherry	—	29.2	20.8
Gangtok	—	13.7	6.8	Pune	—	30.4	15.8
Goa	—	33.0	22.0	Raipur	—	28.0	12.3
Guwahati	—	22.4	13.5	Ranchi	—	22.2	7.0
Hubballi	—	30.0	17.0	Shillong	—	15.5	5.5
Hyderabad	—	26.6	13.6	Shimla	—	16.5	4.4
Imphal	—	21.7	7.1	Srinagar	—	9.0	-4.4
Jaipur	—	23.0	7.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.2	22.6
Kochi	—	32.0	24.2	Tiruchi	—	29.9	20.8
Kohima	—	16.0	4.0	Vijayawada	—	29.2	19.4
Kolkata	—	23.0	13.4	Visakhapatnam	—	27.9	21.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.30	..61	28	... 140	...129	
Bengaluru	.15	..37	29	... 157	...108	
Chennai	...7	9	39	... 149	...115	
Delhi	.14	132	97	... 458	...454	
Hyderabad	...7	109	30	... 154	...149	
Kolkata	...9	..74	31	... 103	...118	
Lucknow	...7	..48	59	... 334	...297	
Mumbai	.12	..24	25	... 214	...139	
Pune	..—	244	79	... 120	...111	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..82	32	... 223	...175	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 357 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 33

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

New play area

Children skipping on the empty road in Hubballi during the Hubballi-Dharwad bandh, which was called to protest against Amit Shah's remarks on B.R. Ambedkar, on Thursday. KIRAN BAKALE

It is beyond comprehension how authorities can assign house numbers to encroachers of Gulbarga Fort: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that the conduct of the State authorities is "contemptuous" for not demolishing the illegal constructions put up within the precincts of Gulbarga Fort, a national monument situated in Kalaburagi, despite the court's direction issued way back in 2019, the High Court of Karnataka has observed that "it is incomprehensible as to how the authorities can give house numbers to the encroachers".

The court directed the Regional Commissioner, Kalaburagi division, to file his personal affidavit clearly pointing out what prevented the authorities from complying with and obeying the directions issued on November 8, 2019, and why even the compliance report was not filed before the court for the past five years.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice M.I. Arun issued the directions while hearing a PIL petition, filed in 2018 by one Sharan Desai, a native of Kalaburagi and residing in Bengaluru.

No leniency

The court in November 2019 made it clear that no leniency should be shown by the authorities and the illegal structures must be immediately demolished once it is established that they are illegal constructions as per Section 19 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, as the notices for eviction were issued to all the 282 identified encroachers on several occasions.

Later, the court in March 2020 granted six months to the Regional Commissioner to shift the people residing in the illegal constructions as the State government said that it was making arrangements to shift 282 families to alternative accommodation.

However, the Bench noted that State authorities had neither shifted the people nor demolished the illegal constructions besides not filing the compliance report sought by the court.

Survey fort area

The Bench directed the Regional Commissioner and the Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner to survey the fort area, find out the names of the occupants, the nature of the use of the properties built illegally by encroaching the fort area, and submit a roadmap and mechanism to remove the encroachments.

NTK chief Seeman booked for making remarks against Periyar

The Hindu Bureau
CUDDALORE/CHENNAI

The police registered the case based on a complaint from Dravidar Kazhagam district president Dhandapani

The Vadalur police have registered a case against Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) chief coordinator Seeman for his controversial remarks on Dravidar Kazhagam (DK) founder Periyar E.V. Ramasamy.

In his complaint lodged on Thursday, DK district president Dhandapani alleged that Mr. Seeman had made derogatory and objectionable remarks against Periyar while participating in a meeting in Vadalur. Based on the complaint, the police booked a case against Mr. Seeman under the Sections 192 and 353 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Protest in Neelankarai

Earlier in the day, members of the Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam (TPDK) tried to lay siege to Mr. Seeman's residence in Neelankarai on the outskirts of Chennai.

The TPDK cadre, led by its founder K. Ramakrishnan, gathered outside Mr. Seeman's residence, demanding that he furnish proof to back his remarks on Periyar.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Ramakrishnan said, "Seeman has been continuously defaming Periyar and spreading lies. He should furnish proof for his claims. We will not let him go anywhere until he gives proof."

Stir

They staged a sit-in protest in front of his house and demanded an apology from him.

The police removed them from the spot. Mr. Seeman was not in the house during the protest.

Sabarimala devotees, staff to get accident insurance

The Hindu Bureau
PATHANAMATHITTA

The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) has introduced a comprehensive accident insurance cover for devotees visiting Sabarimala and the Devaswom employees on duty at the hill temple.

TDB president P.S. Prashanth says the scheme provides coverage of ₹5 lakh in case of accidents.

"The scheme covers all devotees registered through virtual queue and spot booking," he says.

The premium of the policy will be fully borne by the board.

Singer P. Jayachandran passes away

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

Playback singer P. Jayachandran, known for his expressive singing and whose magical voice captivated music lovers for over six decades, passed away at a private hospital in Thrissur on Thursday. He was 81. He had been undergoing treatment for cancer for some time.

Having sung over 16,000 songs that have touched generations, Jayachandran's voice transcended boundaries, resonating in Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, and Hindi. Despite the challenges of age, his voice possessed the youthful charm capable of stirring romantic hearts, till the end.

P. Jayachandran

Jayachandran became the beloved playback singer of Malayalam through his soulful renditions that speak directly to the heart. With songs filled with every emotion – from love to separation and pain – he became the voice that resonated with the very essence of life for music lovers.

Born at Ravipuram in Ernakulam, to renowned musician Tripunithura Ravi Varma Kochaniyan Thampuran and Subhadra Kunjamma, he was raised at Irinjalakkuda, Thrissur. Jayachandran developed an early passion for various forms of art, including Kathakali, and playing Mridangam and Chenda.

His school years were marked by numerous awards for light music and Mridangam playing, which laid the foundation for his illustrious musical career.

His musical journey in films began with his first song in the film *Kunjali Marakkar*. While *Oru Mullappoo Malayumayi* was his first song to be recorded, in 1965, the song *Manjalayil Mungithorthi...* in the film *Kalithozhan* was the one that marked the start of his incredible career. From then on, he went on to deliver countless songs that mesmerised Malayalis.

He has worked with many composers, including G. Devarajan, M.S. Baburaj, V. Dakshinamoorthy, K. Raghavan, M.K. Arjunan, M.S. Viswanathan, Ilayaraja, A.R. Rahman, Vidyasagar and M. Jayachandran.

Several awards

His contributions were recognised with numerous prestigious awards, including the J.C. Daniel Award and the Kalaimamani Award, making him a celebrated figure in Indian music. He won the national award, five Kerala State awards, and four Tamil Nadu State awards.

Damage control

Adherence to existing regulations can limit the impact of earthquakes

This week, an early-morning earthquake in Tibet of magnitude 7.1 and originating at a depth of 10 km has reportedly claimed at least 100 lives and damaged buildings and houses. The tremors from the quake were felt in Nepal as well as parts of Bihar and even New Delhi, thousands of kilometres away. The main earthquake was followed by at least two aftershocks. If the epicentre had been located closer to India, the damage could have been manifold. Earthquakes in the Himalayas evoke a special kind of dread in the country. Memories of two deadly quakes in Nepal in April and May of 2015 that killed at least 9,000 and caused incalculable damage still bubble up. The tectonic plates are the gigantic shards into which Earth is broken up. Layered on them are the continents and the seas. These plates are constantly in motion – colliding with, diverging with, or sliding past one another. The Indian plate collided with the Eurasian plate and the crust tilted upwards, creating the Himalayas. The fractured zones along which they interact create the fault lines where earthquakes occur. By studying these faults and the pattern of past earthquakes, seismologists can estimate how much latent energy at these fault lines, which can run thousands of miles, has been released and how much of it still resides in them.

Scientists have long warned of a massive, overdue earthquake in the Garhwal-Kumaon range because of what is known about the pattern of quakes in the region. The records of the last 300 years suggest that those that have occurred have not released all the pent-up energy and that is why there is a broad consensus among experts that an 8-magnitude temblor is overdue. Unfortunately, predicting the day and time is outside the ambit of current science. Thus, the best we can hope for is insulation against the projected damage. It is in this context that infrastructure development in the Himalayan region must be viewed. While several of these projects are intended to smooth the movement of people and goods, the recurrent landslides and glacial lake outbursts that wash away dams, hydropower projects, and roads serve as a constant reminder of the inherent fragility of the region. Every form of infrastructure in the region – power plant or dam – must take into account the imminence of a major earthquake and the associated costs factored into planning. Adhering to already existing building codes, not only in the Himalayas but in the surrounding Indo-Gangetic plains, can go a long way in limiting the inevitable damage.

Winter contest

Assembly elections to Delhi have an oversized importance

The Delhi Assembly elections on February 5 is set to be a bipolar contest between the incumbent Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The Congress, once the most popular party in the national capital, is struggling to regain at least part of its lost prominence. Delhi is not a full-fledged State, and its unique and convoluted governance design often sets the Centre and the State government on a collision course. Still, there is national spotlight on Delhi politics, which the AAP and the BJP have dominated since 2012. Since then, the voters in Delhi have swung overwhelmingly in favour of the AAP in Assembly elections and the BJP in Lok Sabha elections. The AAP nurtures national ambitions and its chief, Arvind Kejriwal, fashions himself as a challenger to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the run-up to the elections, the AAP has had its image of incorruptibility and of being a platform for the commoner severely stained by corruption allegations against Mr. Kejriwal and several of his colleagues. It is true that the central investigative agencies are selective in their anti-corruption probe, but that does not absolve AAP of suspicion. The frequent run-ins with the Lieutenant Governor appointed by the Centre have made it difficult for the party to deliver on what it has promised, even as it makes a bid for a fourth term.

The BJP is pitching a double-engine government that will put an end to the tussle between the two powers that control Delhi. The election is likely to bring up issues concerning the integrity of the election process itself. The AAP has submitted to the Election Commission that the names of bona fide voters are being removed from the electoral rolls. When announcing the elections, the Chief Election Commissioner sought to allay these fears saying deletion of names was not possible without adhering to strict protocols, and every party has the right to raise objections at various stages. In response, the BJP has said that the AAP is worried that illegal Rohingya and Bangladeshi immigrants who are benefiting from the party's welfare schemes will be struck off the list. The results, scheduled to be announced on February 8, will also be a test of the strength, the strategies, and the coherence of the parties ranged against the BJP. While the AAP and the Congress fought the Lok Sabha elections with a seat-sharing agreement as INDIA partners in an attempt to defeat the BJP, they are opposing each other in this fight. For the BJP that considers every election as a life-and-death matter, Delhi is even more so.

We need accessibility rules that are based on principles

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The Supreme Court, in *Rajive Raturi v. Union of India* (2024), held Rule 15 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Rules, 2017, violative of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The Court reasoned that the Rule was drafted in a discretionary tone whereas the corresponding provisions (Sections 40, 44, 45, 46, 89) in the Act imposed a mandatory obligation for the government. This was significant as Rule 15 was a statutory provision under which the accessibility guidelines of respective departments and ministries were notified. Key examples include the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' guidelines for creating barrier-free environments, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' bus body code, and other accessibility standards established by the Ministries of Sports, Culture, and Information and Broadcasting.

The Court observed that these guidelines allowed discretion to the ministries and departments, which is antithetical to the mandatory language of the Act. Moreover, striking down Rule 15 also meant that the accessibility guidelines notified under the Rule lost their statutory authority. As a result, the Court gave the government three months to develop minimum mandatory accessibility requirements to govern all the sectors.

The judgment is a stark reminder of how accessibility guidelines have been created in silos without the identification of normative principles that will ensure universality and intersectionality to those guidelines. Thus, while formulating new guidelines, there needs to be a shift towards a principle-based framework on accessibility rules.

The idea of accessibility

The Court deliberated in detail on the difference between accessibility and reasonable accommodation. Accessibility and reasonable accommodation both originate within the principles of substantive equality of the Constitution. Accessibility is now accepted as a right woven throughout the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Conversely, reasonable accommodation is a facilitator of substantive equality where specific challenges are dealt with in a specific context. Therefore, both concepts should be understood as interdependent and complementary to each other, where accessibility builds the edifice through standardised accessibility standards from the outset, while reasonable accommodation ensures tailored solutions for those individuals who might still face inaccessibility in a specific context.

The idea of accessibility is not static, and the conceptual contours and corresponding tools have evolved regularly. For instance, with the advent of Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things and their incorporation into social interactions, the understanding of digital accessibility has evolved simultaneously. This makes it necessary to modify the nature, extent, and type of digitally accessible tools that can ensure broader inclusivity.

The shifting threshold also needs to be understood in the context of phased realisation of accessibility. The Court in *Rajive Raturi* observed that the existing guidelines are framed in a way that establishes long-term goals of accessibility without setting the minimum standards requiring immediate implementation. Hence, the minimum accessibility threshold shall be envisaged on a sliding scale wherein the baseline moves forward at periodical intervals. Canada has developed a comprehensive road map to achieve full accessibility by 2040, focusing on harmonising standards across the country through two work streams, with periodic reviews every five years to adapt to changing needs.

The RPwD Act defines barriers in the broadest form possible, wherein intangible barriers such as attitudinal barriers are recognised in addition to tangible barriers such as infrastructure. This has modified how accessibility is viewed and understood within physical and digital ecosystems. Thus, it is necessary to evolve accessibility parameters in theory and practice to overcome tangible and intangible barriers. For instance, the evolving understanding of disability is an aspect that informs the attitude of society and, hence, directly relates to the attitudinal barrier. Thus, accessibility must also align with this evolution of disability understanding to be truly inclusive.

The understanding of universal design has also evolved over time. It is not just limited to persons with disabilities but also includes every vulnerable community, such as women, children, and the elderly. This reflects a tacit recognition of the universality of disability, which is not identified as an individual's incapacity to perform but rather the composition of the environment in which one operates. Disability may arise from a high cognitive workload causing an inability to focus and control emotions, temporarily broken limbs, unavailability of ramps to a pregnant mother, age-related complications, etc. Thus, the rules should be applicable across groups, providing accessibility in the general sense and not exclusive to persons with disabilities.

Compliance with social audit

Section 48 of the RPwD Act mandates the Central and State governments to regularly undertake social audits of all general schemes and programmes to ensure they do not have an adverse impact on the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities. Social audits play a vital role in developing and strengthening the accountability of the government and service providers. For instance, regular social audits of schemes providing assistance technologies to persons with disabilities can assess the bottlenecks in the delivery of services, identify the changing needs of individuals, and provide better devices.

However, due to the lack of standardised guidelines under the RPwD Rules, there is no clarity on the scope and methodology of social audits. This might lead to inconsistencies among the Centre and the States, lack of awareness, and insufficient training for auditors. Therefore, clear guidelines and operationalisation of social audits at a larger scale will help identify the changing nature of disability-related challenges and make targeted interventions to enhance service delivery through concerned schemes and programmes.

Rules have to be understandable

The earlier accessibility rules across departments and ministries suffered from bureaucratic complexity regarding their mandate. There were too many technicalities and often contradictory accessibility mandates from multiple ministries that confused the complying entities. For instance, a sporting complex has multiple guidelines for accessibility from the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Housing, Sports, Transport, and others. This led to not just a failure to provide objective parameters but also increased the compliance cost for such establishments. During the proceeding under the redressal mechanism, the complex and overlapping guidelines also delayed the relief sought by persons with disabilities.

The new accessibility rules must be direct, understandable, and practical to ensure effective implementation. The ambiguity in department/ministry jurisdiction that plagued the earlier rules should also be addressed by having a nodal authority, ideally, the sector regulators, and in the absence of it, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment should adjudicate on rules.

The deadline for releasing the new accessibility guidelines is February, subject to extension. Thus, there is a necessity for diverse sectors, both private and public, beyond social services such as financial, technological, transport, to deliberate upon the minimum rules of accessibility. This isn't just warranted by the legislative mandate of the RPwD Act but also a market incentive to tap into the large population base by providing accessible products and services.

Section 152 of BNS should not become a proxy for sedition

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The Rajasthan High Court, in *Tejender Pal Singh v. State of Rajasthan* (2024), cautioned against using Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) as a tool to stifle legitimate dissent. In 2022, before the BNS was enacted, the Supreme Court had suspended pending criminal trials and court proceedings under Section 124A (sedition) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) until the government reconsidered the law. This was followed by a verbal proclamation by the Union Home Minister that 'sedition' would be repealed as an offence. Section 152 of the BNS criminalises any act exciting secession, armed rebellion, and subversive activities. It also criminalises acts encouraging feelings of separatism or endangering the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India. While the BNS does not formally use the term 'sedition', the Rajasthan High Court's recent decision hints that the spectre of sedition still looms large in the BNS.

Problems with Section 152

First, Section 152 BNS criminalises 'acts endangering the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India.' However, what constitutes such endangerment under Section 152 has not been defined in the statute. This renders the provision vague, and amenable to expansive interpretation by enforcement authorities. Accordingly, a speech criticising a prominent historical or political figure, or sympathising with a controversial public figure, may be construed as 'endangering' the 'unity and integrity of India' for initiating legal action against a person. In the current sociopolitical environment that appears increasingly fragmented, a stringent penal provision without inbuilt checks for abuse may be used to stifle dissent and criticism.

The lack of a statutory requirement to establish a causal linkage between the speech and its actual consequence before depriving the accused of personal liberty renders Section 152 amenable to abuse

Second, the term 'knowingly' in Section 152 substantially lowers the threshold for commission of the offence, especially in the context of social media. Even if a person does not have the malicious intent to incite activities or feelings prohibited under Section 152, they can still be considered liable for the offence if they share a post knowing it will reach a larger audience and may provoke such activities or feelings. This would be sufficient to arrest a person and prosecute them for commission of the offence under Section 152, which is cognisable and non-bailable. The lack of a statutory requirement to prima facie establish a causal linkage between the speech and its actual consequence before depriving the accused of personal liberty renders Section 152 amenable to abuse much like its predecessor, and has the potential to instill a chilling effect on free speech. The potential for abuse of the sedition-like provision is clearly borne out by data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) regarding Section 124A of the IPC. Out of 548 persons arrested between 2015 and 2020 for sedition, only 12 people were convicted in seven cases. More importantly, this was the situation when Section 124A IPC was relatively narrower and more specific in comparison to Section 152 of the BNS. Unfortunately, the NCRB data, and the benefit of hindsight regarding abuse of Section 124A, seem to have had no bearing in designing the contours of Section 152 of the BNS.

The way forward

In the past, the judiciary has consistently adopted a consequentialist interpretation to strike a careful balance between national interest and the freedom of expression. The Supreme Court has given weight to the actual consequence or impact of free speech in determining the offence rather than considering the 'speech' on its own. For instance, in *Balwant Singh and Anr v. State of Punjab* (1995), the Court drew a line of demarcation between casual sloganeering and its repercussions or consequences, requiring a direct causal nexus between the act and its impact for it to amount to an offence of sedition. Further, in *Javed Ahmad Hazam v. State of Maharashtra and Ors* (2024), the Court said the "effect of the words must be judged from the standards of reasonable, strong-minded, firm and courageous men, and not those of weak and vacillating minds..." Moreover, in *Kedar Nath Singh v. State of Bihar* (1962), the Court had differentiated 'disloyalty towards the government' from 'strongly worded criticism of the government and its policies'.

Given the lack of inbuilt safeguards in Section 152 to prevent its abuse, these interpretations should guide the enforcement authorities in applying this provision. Moreover, the Supreme Court should, when it gets the earliest opportunity, craft a set of guidelines for the enforcement authorities, demarcating the boundaries for the terms used under Section 152 BNS, as it did with respect to 'arrest' in *D.K. Basu v. State of West Bengal*. This will ensure that the provision does not become a proxy for the offence of sedition.

It is important to provide liberal space to thoughts, beliefs and expressions, and to subject them all to unimpeded criticisms, especially in the age of social media. We need to fall back on the concept of 'marketplace of ideas', as envisioned by Justice Holmes in *Abrams v. United States*, because the best test of truth will always be the potential of an idea to get itself accepted in a democratic and diverse society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another stampede

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has a great track record in managing crowds, which is why this incident comes as a surprise ("6 killed, 20 injured in stampede at Tirupati," Jan. 9). In India, stampedes are common, whether at places of worship, processions, or theatres. Devotees always come in larger numbers than expected. The administration must plan for the worst-case scenario.

Kshirasagara Balaji Rao
Hyderabad

The Maha Kumbh Mela will soon be taking place in Uttar Pradesh. The stampedes in Tirupati, Hyderabad and Hathras must serve as a warning to the Uttar Pradesh government.

After the stampede in the theatre in Hyderabad, the Telangana police had accused the theatre management and actor Allu Arjun. Who will the Andhra Pradesh government blame for the Tirupati stampede?

Baru Rajendra Prasad
Hyderabad

A powerful weapon

The RTI Act is the most powerful weapon in the hands of citizens ("Cripple and scuttle", Jan. 9). It empowers citizens and increases accountability and responsibility of public institutions. Filling up vacancies in Information Commissions is crucial for the smooth flow of information.

Kamakshi Saxena
Delhi

Possible fissures

That the Trinamool Congress and SP have extended their support to AAP could challenge the Congress's position, both in Delhi, where it is contesting, and within the INDIA bloc, where it holds a leadership position ("Kejriwal thanks TMC for 'backing' AAP; rift with Cong. widens", Jan 9). The shifting power dynamics could lead to fissures within the bloc.

Ahmed Raza Manuu
Hyderabad

Stepping down

Justin Trudeau's resignation is not surprising ("Wayward liberal, Jan. 8"). His political downfall is of his own making, thanks largely to his misadventures in public administration. The economic downturn, the crisis in the housing sector, and overwhelming immigration are the main reasons why he has lost public faith. The final straw may be the prospect of huge tariffs from Canada's main trading partner, the U.S. His resignation is a damage control exercise for his party. But how far the party will be able to control the damage is anybody's guess.

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Is India open to the idea of dual citizenship?

Vivek Katju

Former diplomat

Amitabh Mattoo

Dean of the School of International Studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University

PARLEY

At an event in December, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said there are a lot of challenges in providing dual citizenship to Indians settled abroad. He pointed out that the Overseas Citizenship of India drive is a step towards meeting the demand and added that the debate on dual citizenship is "still alive". Is India open to the idea of dual citizenship? Amitabh Mattoo and Vivek Katju discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Kallol Bhattacherjee**. **Edited excerpts:**

Do you think dual citizenship for diasporic Indians could become a reality?

Vivek Katju: First, let me distinguish between NRIs living abroad and People of Indian Origin (PIO). NRIs, or Non-Resident Indians, are Indian nationals who hold Indian passports. They have all the rights that accrue to Indian nationals. The only thing they cannot exercise abroad is the right to vote, though I believe arrangements were made at some stage for NRIs to register themselves in the missions so they could vote in their place of entitlement. PIOs are not Indian nationals, quite clearly, and therefore they do not have political rights. At one stage, the government had given expanded economic facilities to PIOs, and later, what was called a PIO card was converted into an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card. Now, I never understood the reason for this change in designation, as the OCI card does not confer on any person of Indian origin, any additional facilities, or any rights which the PIO card did not already possess. Citizenship essentially has political attributes. If you are a citizen, you have the full right to participate in the political process of the country. A non-citizen does not have that right. So, the word "citizen" is extremely confusing and, in my opinion, it should be avoided as it creates a misleading impression.

Minister Jaishankar's remarks have opened up an issue that has unresolved contours. Professor Mattoo, what are your thoughts about granting dual citizenship rights to people of Indian origin living abroad?

Amitabh Mattoo: I think Mr. Jaishankar must have made an off-the-cuff remark. It cannot be a serious question to be debated at this point in India that certain people or a class of people who are no longer Indian citizens, or who either gave up Indian citizenship or never were Indian citizens, will be given additional citizenship of India. If you look back at the Constitution of India, Part II deals with this section on citizenship. Article 5 of the Constitution defines who is a citizen of India, either by birth, by parentage, or by acquiring it after having remained a resident in India. There is also a distinction between being a domicile and being a citizen. You may be domiciled in India and yet not be a citizen. This was determined by the Supreme Court in *D.P. Joshi v State of Madhya Bharat* in 1955. The only major amendment to the Citizenship Act came in 2019, with the Citizenship Amendment Act. Then there was a fast-track process for minorities from certain neighbourhood countries to be allowed to take Indian citizenship. I don't think it can really be a serious, substantive question to allow people to have citizenship of both India and another country because that would confer political rights. In other words, citizens of the U.S., U.K., or Australia, for example, would not only have political loyalty to those countries but also the right to vote in India. That, frankly, for me is an extremely dangerous idea. As an Indian citizen, I would not be willing to give political rights to anyone with divided loyalties. Because after all, dual citizenship means that you have divided loyalties.

In the U.S., you cannot become a President unless you are born in the territory of the country. REUTERS

We are not ready to have dual citizenship in this country after just 75 years. I am not xenophobic, I am a person who has grown up with an idea of global citizenship in a larger sense. But in terms of which political dispensation will govern India, I am not willing to share that right with anyone who has but 100% political loyalty to India. Personally, I had the option of acquiring Australian citizenship, and the only reason I did not take it was that it would mean relinquishing Indian citizenship.

> I believe it is the democratic right of every Indian to choose the citizenship of another country and relinquish Indian citizenship. But they cannot say I will acquire the citizenship of another country, participate in its political process, and still hold on to political rights in India
>
> VIVEK KATJU

The incoming Trump presidency has several Indian-origin people, as well as first-generation Indian immigrants, who will hold public office. Do you think that for certain communities and certain kinds of workers who are employable globally, the idea of citizenship requires some degree of flexibility?

VK: No. You cannot have divided loyalties. You are either a citizen of India, which is in full rights, political rights, economic rights, etc, or you are not.

You mentioned that in the U.S., there are people of Indian origin who are holding, who have, and who will be holding the office. I think six persons of Indian origin have been elected to the House of Representatives this time. Let us not forget that they are American citizens. The Indian systems and law demand that the moment you acquire the nationality of another country, you relinquish India's nationality, which means that you do not have political rights anymore.

I believe it is the democratic right of every Indian to choose the citizenship of another country and relinquish Indian citizenship. But they cannot say I will acquire the citizenship of another country, participate in its political process, and still hold on to political rights in India. Now I know that some other countries allow that, but I must confess I have very orthodox views on this. The international system is a system of states.

AM: I completely endorse Mr. Katju's remarks. We cannot, for the sake of populism or to attract foreign investment, create what the Marxists used to call a "comprador" class – a class of people who will act as foreign agents in India. You give them the right to vote and to elect members of Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, that is a sure way of recolonising India.

But if you open this Pandora's box by allowing even a single citizen of another country to have dual citizenship in India, it would be deeply dangerous and subversive. There are situations where people who have decided to make India their home have relinquished earlier citizenship and become citizens of India. Mirra Alfassa, known as The Mother, whose work inspired many and who founded the Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry, became an Indian citizen despite earlier campaigning for dual citizenship. Similarly, Mother Teresa became an Indian citizen, and economist Jean Drèze, I believe, relinquished his Belgian citizenship and became an Indian citizen. In the U.S., which might seem more flexible, the fact is that you cannot become a President unless you are born in the territory of the U.S. Even Elon Musk, despite all his championing of Donald Trump, can never aspire to be President because he was born in South Africa. So, some laws are much more rigid.

Is the issue being propped by populism?

AM: I hope not, because I have great regard for the External Affairs Minister, so I am sure he is not doing it for populist reasons. The diaspora has a great role to play but not as dual citizens. You have the diaspora playing a role in cementing bilateral relations with the U.S. The hugely successful Indian diaspora in the U.S. often acts as a rallying point for leaders' visits there, and similarly in other countries. The first Indian diaspora of indentured labourer that went into the Caribbean may not have been as successful in material terms as this new wave of diaspora. But, as I said, they can cement bilateral ties and help attract investment from abroad.

As in the case of Microsoft, Satya Nadella has promised investment in artificial intelligence. That is all for the good of the nation. However, the question really is whether this diaspora could become a Frankenstein monster. While its role may appear benign and a source of great good, you may suddenly empower it to the point where it decides who is going to be your next leader. That is where I think there has to be a *lakshman rekha*. You need to maintain a clear line between the useful role played by the diaspora and its crossing the boundaries. I am not willing to let any Satya Nadella or Vivek Ramaswamy or any person of Indian origin who may just acquire Indian citizenship for instrumental reasons while retaining their American or other citizenship decide my political future. I am an Indian citizen, and I vote for my future along with other Indian citizens who do not have any other loyalties to any other country.

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NOTEBOOK

What it takes to be on right side of facts

Journalists in Kashmir have long navigated a hostile environment, facing threats, surveillance, and legal repercussions

Peerzada Ashiq

Navigating powers in a conflict zone in search of truth is a daunting challenge for journalists. There is a cost to pay for digging for the truth, and bitter truths could prove costlier. The murder of 33-year-old freelance journalist and YouTuber, Mukesh Chandrakar, from Chhattisgarh is a grim reminder of the cost that people pay for holding a mirror to a corrupt system.

In the case of Kashmir, which has seen different phases of violent conflict, journalists could not operate without survival kits. Covering Kashmir in the 1990s, at the peak of militancy, required one set of survival kits to navigate warring parties' intimidation and threats to control narratives. Post-2008, when Kashmir was in the throes of street violence, journalists fine-tuned their operations to ensure reporting truth was not compromised.

However, post-2019, when Jammu and Kashmir's status was downgraded to a Union Territory and special status ended, control and fear became the new instruments for dealing with journalists. There were no survival kits in a dynamic situation where red lines, drawn by State institutions, would change with each passing day for reporters. A ban was put on reporting live encounters, and permission was denied to get closer to the area where militants and security forces would engage in a firefight, unlike in the past. Official versions became the main narratives. Anyone expressing views contrary to the official position was not invited to official functions and was barred from attending visits of official dignitaries.

In September 2019, I filed a report on police data on detentions, especially of mainstream leaders and protesters. The story surfaced when officials denied having centralised data on detentions in Kashmir. A police summon followed the publication of the report and I was asked to reveal my source. However, it was not the summon that was intimidating. The actions taken against my sources in the administration were chilling. Any office where I signed the check-in logbook was scanned to identify my sources, who were then placed under surveillance and received cryptic warnings. Access to my sources was cut off to the extent that most stopped responding or meeting me.

For many colleagues, it was worse. There was a joke doing the rounds in Kashmir among media persons: post-2019, there were two types of journalists – those who had been raided by security agencies and those who were yet to be raided. Even now, the laptops, drives, and mobile phones of many journalists are with security agencies. Summons and raids were another chilling reminder that the search for truth had become a daring act. Two freelance journalists, Majid Hyderi and Irfan Mehraj, still remain behind bars. While Hyderi faces charges under the Public Safety Act, Mehraj is charged under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Long way ahead

On January 3 this year, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's maiden and free-wheeling interaction with the press in Srinagar was held against this backdrop. In fact, Mr. Abdullah's opening remarks were itself a commentary on the functioning of the press. As he took many inconvenient questions, he sparked hope that there are freer times ahead. "My wish would be to see a free and open media. This interaction is a step in that direction, where you are not given a list of what you can or cannot ask," he said.

However, there is a long way to go. The Kashmir Press Club has remained shut for many years. Dozens of local scribes have already left Kashmir, and many independent journalists have changed their trade in the face of tough times. The clampdown created a vacuum, which was filled by non-professionals who let sensationalism rather than sensibility dictate the terms of engagement.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Silent waters, hidden catch

Fishermen holding harpoons, covered under blankets, wait in their boats to catch fish using a unique technique called Tchay-e-gard shikar (shadow fishing) on the frozen waters of the Anchar Lake in Srinagar, on Thursday. Every winter, from December 21 to April 30, the Kashmiri fishermen use this method of camouflaging their presence to lure the fish into a trap with the help of reeds and shock waves by beating the water. IMRAN NISSAR

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 10, 1975

U.S. eager to demonetise gold

Washington, Jan. 8: The United States will try to get countries attending international monetary meetings here next week to agree to "abolish controls on official gold transactions, but to refrain from building up their gold stocks for a year or two," the Treasury Under-Secretary, Mr. Jack Bennett, said to-day. Mr. Bennett also said the U.S. would press next week for agreement on a number of measures depriving gold of any role within the International Monetary Fund. As part of a planned reform of the world monetary system, the U.S. is eager to "demonetise gold – break the traditional link between the precious metal and national currencies." The Americans feel that demonetisation of gold would curb speculation and make future world monetary arrangements more stable and manageable. But if central banks are freed to buy and sell gold freely at free market prices, the U.S. would like them to refrain from buying substantial quantities of gold in the first year or two.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 10, 1925

All-India Music Conference.

Lucknow, Jan. 9: The Fourth All-India Music Conference commenced its Lucknow session yesterday. Nearly 3,000 visitors and delegates including H. H. the Maharaja of Tehri were present. Thakur Nawab Ali, Chairman of the Reception Committee, stated that the aims and objects of the Conference were among others to take steps to uplift Indian music on proper lines and to collect and preserve great masterpieces in the art.

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Document history of Indian diaspora: Modi

The Prime Minister emphasised on the Girmitiyas, indentured labourers, who were sent from pre-independent India to various countries, including Fiji, Mauritius, Seychelles, Malaysia, Trinidad and Tobago, British Guiana, and Suriname, to work under colonial arrangements.

"Why cannot comprehensive database of Girmitiyas be created? This could document the villages and States they originated from, the destinations they settled in, and the journeys that shaped their lives. It could also as to how they converted challenges into opportunities. To bring their stories to a wider audience, films and documentaries could be produced," Mr. Modi said.

"There should be study and research on Girmitiyas' history. Chairs can be established in universities. At regular intervals, world Girmitiya conference can be organised. I will tell my team to explore possibilities on this aspect and work to take this forward," he said.

The Prime Minister mentioned about a few families which migrated from Gujarat and settled in Oman. "Their 250 years of journey is quite inspiring. Thousands of documents related to them have been digitised and exhibited. Besides, an oral history project has been done by documenting experiences shared by senior-most members of the community. Similar efforts should be made on Indian diaspora who had gone to different countries," he said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the diaspora has become more important with each passing year as India strives to build a "global workforce. He said in times of difficulty abroad, they can be confident that the Narendra Modi government "has got your back".

During the day, the PM inaugurated four exhibitions and flagged-off the Pravasi Bharatiya Express, a special tourist train for the diaspora.
(*With PTI inputs*)

Stubborn water level affects coal mine rescue operations

Eight miners are trapped inside rat-hole mine since Monday morning in Assam; hopes of rescuing them alive recede despite multiple agencies in operation; CIL brings in heavy-pressure pump

Rahul Karmakar
UMRANGSO (ASSAM)

The unchanged level of murky water has affected the operations to rescue at least eight miners trapped inside a rat-hole coal mine in Dima Hasao district of Assam since Monday morning.

Rescue workers from multiple agencies retrieved the body of one miner, identified as Ganga Bahadur Sresth from Nepal, on Wednesday. Deep divers from the Indian Navy, and personnel from the Army, National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, ONGC, Coal India Limited, and the district administration were engaged in the operation.

Officials said the rescue workers could not locate any of the other bodies from dawn to dusk on Thursday. Apart from poor visibility – the water has been too murky for the Navy's remotely operated vehicle – the water level has been almost constant at 29 metres in the 90-metre pit.

Hopes not fading: Rescue operation under way at the coal mine site in Assam's Dima Hasao on Thursday. RITU RAJ KONWAR

"We pumped out water throughout last night but the level, which was 28 metres during the day on Wednesday, rose to 29 metres on Thursday morning. Moreover, the best we could do is feel our way but the branches of the rat-hole mine are too narrow for us to go in with our air tanks and other gear," a diver said. The body of the miner from Nepal was retrieved from the bottom of the pit above which the rat-holes branch out.

Kaushik Rai, Assam's Minister for Mines and Minerals, stationed at the site, said rescue workers has been facing a tough situation because of the inability to lower the water level despite the powerful machines in place. "We are not giving up hope," he said.

The hopes hinge on a heavy-pressure pump flown in by the CIL from Maharashtra. The pump, which can pump out 500 gallons per minute, is likely to be pressed into service on Friday.

The mine, one of at least 60, is in the Kalamati area close to the Meghalaya border. The spot is about 30 km from Umrangso, an industrial town 110 km from Haflong, the district headquarters.

Dima Hasao District Magistrate Simanta Kumar Das said four abandoned coal pits were found nearby. "Trees have grown inside these mines that are filled with water. We have to assess if these mines need to be dewatered too," he said.

Special Director-General of Police Harmeet Singh said on Wednesday that the mine was apparently connected with some water source because of which water was not receding. This source is believed to be a massive reservoir of a central power generation corporation a little more than 500 metres away.

The Kopili River, which partly forms the boundary between the Dima Hasao and West Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya, is also a few metres away. The river is connected to the reservoir.

Rajib Barman from Kokrajhar and a survivor of the mishap said at least 20 workers had entered the mine on January 6.

Ball in govt.'s court on SC/ST creamy layer, says top court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Supreme Court judge Justice B.R. Gavai on Thursday said the ball was in the courts of the legislature and the government to take a call on whether the 'creamy layer' of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) beneficiaries of reservation in education and public service must be excluded from quota benefits.

"We have given our view that taking into consideration the past 75 years, such persons who have already availed benefits and are in a position to compete with others, should be excluded from reservation. But it is a call to be taken by the executive and the legislature," he observed orally.

The court was hearing a writ petition filed by Santosh Malviya, seeking a direction to the States, departments and public sector undertakings for "immediate cessation of reservation benefits being extended to the 'creamy layer' within the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes".

The judge, heading a Bench including Justice Augustine George Masih, was referring to a Constitution Bench judgment of 2024 which had upheld States' power to make sub-classifications within the Scheduled Castes.

Justice Gavai, who was part of the seven-judge Constitution Bench, in his separate opinion on August 1, 2024, had called for the need to evolve a unique set of criteria to exclude the 'creamy layer' among SCs and STs from reservation benefits.

"State must evolve a policy for identifying the creamy layer even from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes so as to exclude them from the benefit of affirmative action... the criteria for exclusion of the creamy layer from SC/ST for the purpose of affirmative action could be different from the criteria as applicable to the Other Backward Classes [OBCs]," the judge had observed.

Justice Gavai's opinion had formed the basis for a push within a majority on the Constitution Bench to introduce the creamy layer principle for SC/ST categories.

Same-sex marriage: SC rejects review of judgment

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court, headed by Justice B.R. Gavai, on Thursday rejected petitions seeking a review of an October 2023 judgment which refused to legalise same-sex marriage.

"We have carefully gone through the judgments delivered by Justices S. Ravindra Bhat (former judge) speaking for himself and for Hima Kohli (former judge) as well as the concurring opinion expressed by one of us (Justice P.S. Narasimha), constituting the majority view. We do not find any error apparent on the face of the record," the Review Bench held in a short order.

UGC affidavit in SC refers to a letter to V-Cs to act against caste bias on campuses

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A University Grants Commission (UGC) affidavit in the Supreme Court in a case filed by the mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadvi stated that a letter was sent by it to Vice-Chancellors of all the universities in the country telling them to take prompt action against officials and faculty members who discriminate against Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe students.

The affidavit came to the fore recently after a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant took up the mothers' case after a considerable gap. On January 3, Justice Kant promised the mothers that their petition would be heard periodically.

The June 26, 2019 letter mentioned in the affidavit has the UGC flag four actions for the Vice-Chancellors (V-Cs) to ensure that faculty members and officials do not indulge in any kind of discrimination against students. It specifically declared that "officials and faculty members should desist from any act of discrimination against SC/ST students on grounds of their social origin".

Second, the Commission requested universities, constituents and colleges to have a dedicated page on their websites for lodging complaints of caste discrimination by SC/ST students and also maintain a complaint register in the office of the Registrar/Principal for the purpose.

"If any such incident comes to the notice of the authorities, action should be taken against the erring official/faculty members promptly," the letter had stated.

In its third direction to the V-Cs, the UGC spread its net wider to direct that no official or faculty member must discriminate against "any community or category of students".

Fourth, the UGC asked universities to constitute committees to look into discrimination complaints received from students, teachers and non-teaching staff belonging to SC/ST/Other Backward Classes.

Unauthorised procurement, supply of railway e-tickets a 'social crime', says top court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday held that unauthorised business of procuring and supplying railway e-tickets is a "social crime" which must be stopped in its tracks and criminal action should be prompt as the national economy is affected.

The verdict by a Bench headed by Justice Dipankar Datta came on two appeals from the Kerala High Court regarding procurement and supply of e-tickets.

"The Indian Railways is a keystone of our country's infrastructure. It carries around 673 crore passengers annually and has a tremendous impact on the economy of this country. Any effort to disrupt the integrity and stability of the ticketing system has to be stopped on its tracks," Justice Datta, who authored the judgment, observed.

The case revolved around the provision of Section 143 of the Railways Act, 1989 which restricts entities which are not under the disciplinary control of or are not authorised by the Railways to conduct the business of procurement and supply of tickets. Section 143, a penal provision, was enacted to tackle a social crime, the court said.

"The whole scheme of e-ticketing was introduced for the convenience and betterment of the passenger's experience of travelling on a train, due to which the procurement and supply of these e-tickets, rightfully so, is highly regulated," Justice Datta reasoned.

One of the men, Mathew Cherian, was accused of creating hundreds of fake user IDs to sell tickets without any authorisation from the Railways.

"Although the Internet and e-tickets were unknown in India when the Act was brought into force, this conduct of Mathew (who is neither a railway servant nor an authorised agent) nevertheless attracts criminality under Section 143(1)(a) of the Act," the judgment noted.

HC grants bail to Gujarat journalist in GST case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Gujarat High Court on Thursday granted bail to *The Hindu* correspondent Mahesh Langa in an alleged case of GST scam. It said that there is no material on record to establish "money laundering".

The applicant was arrested in connection with the present offence on October 8, 2024. "Thus, the investigation of the offence alleged against the present applicant is virtually over by now. The present application deserves consideration," the order said.

The FIR registered in October stated that the alleged fraud was committed between February 1 and May 1, 2023, and the prime accused is Dhruvi Enterprise, which allegedly created six firms from a single PAN to transfer and receive bogus input tax credit (ITC) of GST to unscrupulous recipients by issuance of fake invoices without the supply of underlying goods. DA Enterprise, run by Mr. Langa, is one of the companies mentioned in the FIR.

The court said: "In the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the nature of the allegations made against the applicant in the FIR, without discussing the evidence in detail, *prima facie*, this court is of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion and enlarge the applicant on regular bail." In November, a sessions court granted anticipatory bail to Mr. Langa in an alleged case of cheating of ₹28 lakh.

Sixth-generation aero-engine can be developed by tying up with foreign firm: DRDO chief

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

DRDO chief Samir V. Kamat with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the International Defence and Aerospace Expo last year. ANI

The only way India can develop a sixth-generation aero-engine and other technologies required is by co-development with a foreign manufacturer, Samir V. Kamat, Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), said while noting that India currently invests only 5% of its defence budget for research and development, which needs to increase to 15%.

To realise that capability, he said the country will have to invest close to $4 billion to $5 billion, that is ₹40,000 crore to 50,000 crore.

His remarks come against the backdrop of huge delays in the development of indigenous fighter jets, while China has made rapid progress in this area.

"If we look at what we need to do in terms of technologies, the first priority is aero-engines. Today, we have demonstrated a fourth-generation aero-engine for our fighter aircraft but going ahead we will need a sixth-generation aero-engine where the thrust to weight ratios exceed 10," Mr. Kamat said, speaking at an event two days ago.

He detailed various technologies that need to be developed such as single-crystal blade powder metallurgy discs and ceramic matrix composites for static parts to begin with.

"And if we have to do this and deliver an aero-engine the only way I can see is if we do a co-development with a foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer."

Elaborating further, he said various facilities have to be to set up – testing facilities for each sub-system, a high-altitude test facility, flying test-bed, manufacturing facilities to make the disc which would need investing in a forge press which can press 50,000 tonnes, and so on.

PM to open Z-Morh tunnel, key feature in year-round Kashmir-Ladakh corridor

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Z-Morh tunnel is set to become the first major milestone in the effort to build a strategic corridor between Kashmir and Ladakh which is open all through the year, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi slated to inaugurate it on January 13.

The tunnel, in Ganderbal district, is key to keeping the tourist destination of Sonamarg open for visitors around the year. Earlier, snowfall and avalanches would cut off the tourist spot every winter.

The tunnel in Ganderbal district would keep the tourist destination of Sonamarg open for visitors around the year. FILE PHOTO

This will be Mr. Modi's first visit to Kashmir since an elected government took over the reins in the Union Territory. A security assessment of the project was done on Thursday to set up foolproof security arrangements ahead of the PM's visit. Security across the Valley, especially in Srinagar, has been stepped up and additional checkpoints set up on the main roads.

Hoteliers are enthusiastic about the tunnel. "It was much needed to have Sonamarg on the winter tourism map of Kashmir. There is a need to open up new winter destinations in Kashmir given the growing footfall. It would be safe to drive to Sonamarg in winters now," said Sajid Majeed, a hotelier.

At present, most hotels remain closed because of unreliable road access and infrastructure problems.

Three Naxalites killed in Sukma

The Hindu Bureau
BIJAPUR

Three Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh on Thursday, the police said.

A senior police officer said that the Maoists were killed by the District Reserve Guard and Special Task Force of the State Police and members of Commando Battalion for Resolute Action.

"During the operation, on 09.01.2025, an encounter started between security forces and Maoists between village Paliguda and Gundrajgudem. After the the encounter, when all the teams searched, the bodies of three male Maoists were recovered," a statement said.

APPEAL

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With BJP's first list having many turncoats, Nadda seeks to quell rebellion

Satvika Mahajan
NEW DELHI

J.P. Nadda being greeted by Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva at a party meeting on Thursday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

With the Bharatiya Janata Party's first candidate list for the Delhi Assembly polls out and the second expected within a couple of days, party president J.P. Nadda participated in election management meetings at the Delhi BJP office on Thursday.

BJP sources said Mr. Nadda called upon party leaders not getting ticket to ensure support for all its 70 candidates instead of getting disheartened.

This comes as the party's first list featured eight turncoats among the 29 candidates. A source said the party cadre was disheartened by the absence of young and fresh faces in the first list. Several names on the list are of candidates who had already served as MLAs in Delhi and have lost the polls in 2013 and 2020.

Sources present during Mr. Nadda's address said he asked the BJP cadre to pull their full force behind the 70 people who were being fielded instead of resorting to rebellion. The BJP has failed to form a government in the national capital for 26 years, which is why these polls are extremely crucial for it.

The sources said Mr. Nadda reminded the party that Delhi went beyond the Lutyens' area, and asked the workers to campaign with full strength in both the central areas and the outskirts.

The BJP chief raised the issue of migrant voters in the capital, especially people from the Purvanchal belt, targeting them as a large voter base of the party.

Mr. Nadda, slamming AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal's statements alleging fraudulent additions to the voter list, said, "Mr. Kejriwal, who has been looting Delhi for the past 10 years by creating a disaster of corruption, started fearing defeat and he got agitated and started making baseless statements against our brothers and sisters from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Mr. Kejriwal has insulted our people from the two States by calling them fake voters. The people of Delhi will definitely give him a reply by uprooting him from power."

However, the first list of the party does not feature any Purvanchali faces.

Additionally, the BJP is expected to roll out a scheme for women on lines similar to Madhya Pradesh's Ladli Behna Yojana and Odisha's Subhadra Yojana. However, only two women feature on the party's first list.

Delhi Assembly polls prove to be INDIA's moment of reckoning

With allies backing AAP and not the Congress, the bloc is facing existential questions; Omar Abdullah calls for winding up the alliance, says its agenda, leadership, future strategy unclear; Shiv Sena (UBT) flays Cong. for personal attacks on Kejriwal

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

A wider problem in the INDIA bloc has come to the fore with the Samajwadi Party and the Trinamool Congress supporting the Aam Aadmi Party over the Congress in the Delhi Assembly election. The Shiv Sena (UBT) is also leaning in favour of the AAP.

Amid the crisis, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has called for winding up the alliance if it was only meant for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. He has said the alliance's agenda, leadership and future strategy are not clear.

On Wednesday evening, AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal announced that the Trinamool Congress had extended its support to the AAP for the Delhi election. Within minutes, the Trinamool's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien, posted on X, quoting Mr. Kejriwal's post, and saying, "We have your back @AamAadmiParty."

The Shiv Sena (UBT) castigated the Congress for making personal attacks on Mr. Kejriwal, including calling him a "traitor", but clarified that it is not yet selecting one over the other. "We have not yet officially declared our support to AAP. Both AAP and Congress are our friends. But it is true that Arvind Kejriwal is stronger at present," senior party leader Sanjay Raut told *The Hindu*. "We want both of them to resolve this without much mudslinging. Uddhav Thackeray will meet the media tomorrow [Friday] evening, where he will clarify the party's stand."

Rallying support: Arvind Kejriwal addressing the media on the Jat reservation issue in New Delhi on Thursday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The editorial on the Delhi election in the party's mouthpiece, *Saamana*, is critical of the Congress. "The contest in the Delhi Assembly election is between BJP and AAP only. Congress party is in the fray and it is attacking Arvind Kejriwal and AAP instead of BJP," it said.

Existential question

Refusing to pick sides between the AAP and the Congress, Mr. Abdullah instead raised an existential question. "After the Assembly election in Delhi, they should call all the alliance members for a meeting. If this alliance was only for the parliamentary election, it should be wound up, and we will work separately. But if it is meant for Assembly elections as well, we will have to sit together and work collectively," the J&K Chief Minister told presspersons in Jammu. The last meeting of the INDIA bloc was held on June 1, just before the Lok Sabha election results were announced.

It is not the first time the question has been asked, whether the bloc assembled only for the Lok Sabha election or will extend to the State elections as well. During the 2023 Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh elections, similar questions had cropped up, since the Congress had failed to give any seats to the Samajwadi Party despite several rounds of negotiation. The Left parties have expressed disappointment that the Congress failed to accommodate them in several consecutive State polls.

Only for LS poll: RJD

Wading into the argument, senior Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav unequivocally stated that the bloc was only meant for the Lok Sabha election. "It was decided, at the very onset of the INDIA bloc, that it was limited to the Lok Sabha election only. As far as Bihar is concerned, we have been together since the beginning," Mr. Yadav told presspersons in Buxar. Bihar is set to go to the polls at the end of this year.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat refused to explicitly choose between the Congress and the AAP. "CPI(M) is fighting two seats [in Delhi]. We will also extend support to other Left parties who are fighting on a couple of seats. In all other seats, we will support the strongest candidate against the BJP. Our slogan is 'Defeat BJP, save Delhi'," Ms. Karat told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Kejriwal, meanwhile, thanked the INDIA bloc members for their support. "With your support, we are confident of defeating the BJP in the upcoming elections," he wrote on X.

(With inputs from Amit Bhelari in Patna and Peerzada Ashiq in Srinagar)

Admit cards and fake OMR sheets of NEET seized in Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

The Bihar Police on Thursday found admit cards and fake OMR sheets of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Postgraduate in a fire-ravaged hostel room on the Patna Medical College and Hospital campus.

Half-burnt ₹100 and ₹500 notes, coming to ₹2.75 lakh, were recovered from the room gutted on Tuesday night.

Ajay Kumar from Samastipur, who is a postgraduate, was staying in the room. He is suspected of hiring MBBS students and making them impersonate for NEET-PG candidates.

Sources said that on Wednesday, Mr. Kumar reached the hostel with many people and was furious over the damage. Several students and junior doctors have complained that he has forcibly occupied many rooms and does not pay heed to the warnings by the college administration.

"A fire had started in the room of Chanakya Hostel and it was illegally occupied by one Ajay Kumar. The room was not allotted to him, and we have sought a report from the warden of the hostel. We have seized all the documents and have sought a detailed report about every document from the college authority, including the admit cards and other documents," Sweety Sahrawat, Superintendent of Police (Central), Patna, said.

Asked about cheating in the test or a paper leak, Ms. Sahrawat said: "We cannot say anything at present unless we verify all the documents – whether it is old or for what purpose it was kept inside the room."

In 2024, a leak of the NEET-UG paper in Bihar led to the arrest of 45 people by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Bihar was the epicentre of the scam.

Congress says Union Budget must end 'tax terrorism' and 'looting' of the public

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mallikarjun Kharge

Ahead of the Union Budget, the Congress on Thursday alleged that the Goods and Services Tax had become a means to "loot" people. It demanded that the Centre put an end to "tax terrorism".

In a post on X, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the GST could stand for the "Gabbar Singh Tax" or "*Grahasthi Satyanash* Tax (Household Destruction Tax)" or "Give Sitharaman Tax", a reference to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

"Whatever name we call BJP's GST, one thing is certain: the Modi government has made GST a means of looting the hard-earned money of the poor and the middle class," Mr. Kharge said. "The Congress party demands that in the upcoming general Budget, Modi government should put an end to tax terrorism and looting of the public."

Multiple slabs

His comments came on a day when the Congress held press conferences in a dozen cities to highlight the problem of multiple GST slabs and demand that the government provide relief to the middle class and lower income groups.

He alleged that nine different GST rates made the tax "complex and absurd" instead of a "Good & Simple Tax". He noted that the GST regime is a tax on public consumption, arguing that by celebrating record tax collections, the Modi government is "rubbing salt into the wounds of the people".

"Two-thirds of the total GST i.e. 64% comes from the pockets of the poor and the middle class, but only 3% GST is collected from the billionaires, while the corporate tax rate has been reduced from 30% to 22%. For the first time, GST has been imposed on 36 agricultural products of the farmer," he noted.

Rattled by GST success, Cong. misleading people: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday accused the Congress of misleading people on the issue of Goods and Services Tax. BJP national spokesperson Syed Zafar Islam, in a statement, said the Congress was "rattled by the implementation and success of GST because it no longer has any loopholes, depriving Congress of opportunities for corruption".

"As a result, Congress has been attempting to tarnish the image of GST from the start. Initially, Congress referred to GST as 'Gabbar Singh Tax', and now it is calling it 'Tax Terrorism', despite the fact that it was Congress government that first introduced the concept of GST," he said.

CBI registers a fresh corruption case against Karti Chidambaram

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a fresh case of corruption against former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram's son and Congress MP Karti Chidambaram for allegedly giving relief to alcoholic beverage company Diageo Scotland over a ban on the duty-free sale of its whisky, officials said Thursday.

The case pertains to an alleged suspicious payment made to Advantage Strategic Consulting Pvt. Ltd, "an entity controlled" by Karti P. Chidambaram and his close aide S. Bhaskararaman by Diageo Scotland and Sequoia Capitals, the CBI FIR said. No immediate reaction was available from the suspects named in the FIR. The FIR stated Diageo Scotland approached Mr. Karti, seeking help in lifting the ban and paid $15,000 as "consultancy fee" to Advantage Strategic Consulting.

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For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 09/01/2025 from 17:00 Hrs onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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INBRIEF

Record registrations for *Pariksha Pe Charcha*

More than 2.79 crore students, teachers and parents from the country and abroad have registered for the eighth edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's annual programme ahead of the Board examinations, *Pariksha Pe Charcha* (PPC). (The photo shows the event in 2023.) The Union Education Ministry said in a release here on Thursday the turnout is expected to be a record this year and the popularity of the programme to "transform exam-related stress into a festival of learning and celebration" is increasing. "This remarkable response underscores the growing resonance of the programme as a true *Jan Andolan*," the Ministry said in the release.

Centre intensifies campaign against TB in prisons

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has written to all the States and the Union Territories (UTs) to organise a 100-day intensified campaign on tuberculosis (TB) elimination in prisons and correctional institutions as part of the Union government's commitment to eliminating the disease from India. The Home Ministry has asked states and UTs to organise screening camps (*Nikshay Shivir*) in all prisons, covering all prison inmates in consultation with the state health department, state TB officers and district TB officers. It maintained that inadequate screening and lack of awareness are among the key challenges in controlling TB inside prisons.

India releases compilation of 10,000 human genomes from 83 population groups

The 'Genome India' database will be available to researchers across the world; it will serve as a template for investigations into disease, drug therapy; PM says it will strengthen biotech economy

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India has completed and made available a year-long compilation of 10,000 human genomes representing 83 population groups, making up about 2% of the country's 4,600 population groups, as a database. This collection will serve as a template of future investigations into disease and drug therapy.

The 'Genome India' database, as it is known, will now be available to researchers across the world for investigation and is housed at the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC), in Faridabad, Haryana.

A first analysis of the genomes estimates around 27 million low-frequency (or relatively rare) variants, with 7 million of them not found in similar reference databases around the world. Certain population groups show higher frequencies of alleles, or different versions of the same gene. Over the last two decades, many countries have created databases of the genomes of their population – for a variety of purposes including estimating disease risks, adverse drug reactions, establishing genealogy and DNA-profiling databases.

A major focus of the Indian reference genomes is to have researchers study diseases. GETTY IMAGES

However, a major focus of the Indian reference genomes is to have researchers study diseases. "The discoveries from Genome India are not just scientific – they hold the potential for targeted clinical interventions, advancing precision medicine for better healthcare," said Union Minister of State (independent charge) for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh, at an event here to announce the project.

Researchers wishing to access the genomes must send in a proposal that will be perused by an independent panel with a commitment that will adhere to data sharing and privacy policies. Though the database stores information on population groups, this data will not be classified by the names of castes or tribes but will be numerically coded, Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, told *The Hindu*.

Describing the project as "historic", Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a video address, said this paved the way for India strengthening the biotechnology economy as well as biotechnology-based manufacturing.

Experts said that while only a small fraction of India's population groups were studied, the door was open to expanding the database to a million genomes. "Though costs are a limiting factor, a million would dramatically scale insight into India's genetic diversity," said Kumaraswamy Thangaraj of the Centre for Cellular Microbiology, Hyderabad and one of the project leaders.

Justice B.N. Srikrishna to chair panel for ID verification firm Equal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The former Supreme Court judge Justice B.N. Srikrishna (retd.) will chair the newly formed Advisory Board of the ID verification and data sharing platform Equal. The firm provides identity authentication services for large firms, boasting digital integration with several ID providers.

Justice B.N. Srikrishna

The appointment comes as the government finalises the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025, to implement the DPDP Act, 2023.

Justice Srikrishna was the chair of the first committee formed by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to formulate a data protection law.

That committee's report, submitted in 2018, was eventually not taken up.

Justice Srikrishna has also headed the Sixth Pay Commission, chaired the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission, and also led the Expert Committee on Arbitration Law to propose reforms to the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996.

The Advisory Board for Equal will counsel the account aggregator OneMoney. Account aggregators are firms that provide Indians with a consolidated view of their financial data, a key digitisation priority for the government.

The commitment of two firms enable "secure, compliant and consent-driven data sharing aligns closely with my work in safeguarding privacy and fostering trust in technology-based democratisation of products and services", Justice Srikrishna said in a statement provided by Equal. "Together, we aim to create frameworks that not only drive innovation but also set global benchmarks for ethical data usage and business practices."

The Advisory Board includes retired central bankers and bureaucrats who have been key in establishing and maintaining key digitisation priorities.

The Hindu businessline Agri and Commodity Summit to be held today

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Hindu businessline Agri and Commodity Summit, 2025 on "Shaping agriculture and agri-business in a changing climate" will be organised in New Delhi on Friday.

With an aim to foster actionable solutions for a thriving, climate-resilient agricultural economy, the summit will bring together policymakers, industry leaders and experts to address challenges and unlock opportunities in agribusiness.

While Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, will inaugurate the summit, a special address will be delivered by Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation. K.V. Shaji, Chairman, NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), will deliver the keynote address.

A session on "Why the monsoon has been raining woes over the past few years" will have expert panellists including D.S. Pai, Scientist G, India Meteorological Department; Nabansu Chattopadhyay, Director, Agricultural Meteorology Division, World Meteorological Organisation; Ajai Rana, Chairman, FSII and CEO, Savannah Seeds; and Neha Kumar, Head, South Asia Programme, Climate Bonds Initiative.

A session on "Overcoming climate change with new seeds, strategies" will have Venkatram Vasantavada, Director, FSII and MD & CEO, Seedworks International; Simon Wiebusch, MD & CEO, Bayer CropScience; S. Soundararadjane, CEO, HyFarm; and Sanjiv Kanwar, MD, Yara South Asia as panellists.

Interactions with 'Drone Didis' and 'Solar Didis' will add another interesting aspect to the summit.

The last session will be on "Challenges in price risk management" with panellists Kedar Deshpande, Chief Business Officer, NCDEX; Rajesh Paharia Jain; Chief Manager, Kribhco; V.S. Sanjai, GM, ABU, State Bank of India and Ashutosh Kumar, GM, NABARD.

The Hindu businessline Agri and Commodity Summit, 2025 is presented by NABARD and co-powered by Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSSI) in association with Yara.

The associate partners are NCDEX, Indofil, Bayer, Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd, Kribhco Agri, NSE, Aqua Group and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. The banking partner is State Bank of India and the broadcast partner is NDTV Profit.

To view the live event, visit thbl.news/AS2025LS or scan the QR code. Entry is only by invitation for pre-registered participants. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Hotel Leela Palace, Chanakyapuri.

As Meta shifts away from professional fact-checkers, Indian firms await clarity

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Indian fact-checking organisations are on tenterhooks as they await the consequences of Meta's decision to abandon its partnerships with professional fact-checking organisations in favour of a community-led model, starting with the U.S.

The change has accompanied the partisan atmosphere that has enveloped fact-checking in the U.S., where the election of Donald Trump as President has driven an ideological reorientation among Big Tech firms.

Amitabh Kumar, founder of Social and Media Matters, which has worked with social media platforms, said he was trying to keep an open mind on Meta's move. But he said there were concrete reasons that led to the introduction of fact-checking on social media platforms. "Cambridge Analytica happened because of Facebook," he said, recalling how the firm's user data were used for behavioural campaigns.

Partnerships with firms like Meta is a key source of revenue for certain fact-checking firms.

There was also scrutiny of the firm's role in shaping opinions leading up to Brexit, the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union. "Fact-checkers were brought in to counter this," he said. But Mr. Trump's election and the divisive rhetoric around fact-checking in the U.S., which drew criticism during the COVID-19 pandemic as posts and accounts were being taken down or flagged at a time when there wasn't yet total consensus among scientists on the disease's causes and origins or the risks around its vaccines, have led to resentment towards professional fact-checking by social media platforms.

Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said fact-checking organisations had behaved in a "partisan" way. He added that the new community system would face fewer accusations of bias.

As *The Hindu* had reported last May, the implementation of Community Notes on X has been impeded by a requirement that people across the ideological spectrum must agree on the inclusion of a fact-check on a post. This requirement has led to political misinformation in particular going unchecked frequently.

Two senior fact-checking executives contacted by *The Hindu* declined to comment on the Meta announcement's implications for India, citing uncertainty on immediate consequences. Meta has not released any timeline for if and when such a change will be implemented in other countries. Partnerships with firms such as Meta are a key source of revenue for certain fact-checking firms.

Indian law on fact-checking has been challenged in courts. The Supreme Court has stayed the notification of a fact-check unit of the Press Information Bureau from having the power to flag posts as misinformation and strip social media platforms' immunity from liability under the law.

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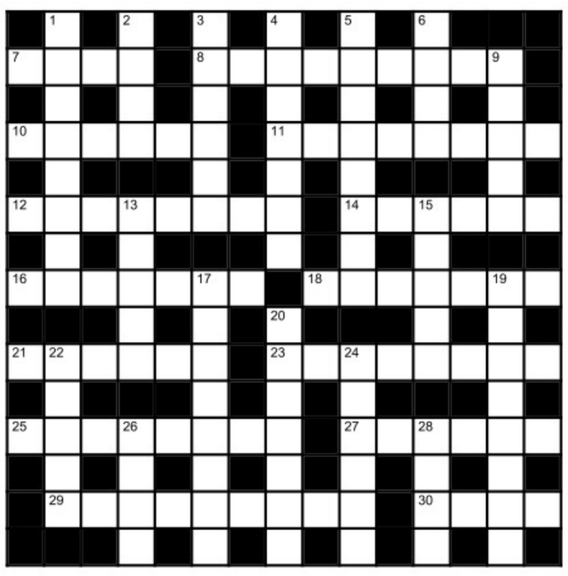

Across

7 Heal mongrel with epilepsy at first (4)
8 King carelessly relaxed around one (9)
10 Students returned. That's a mistake (4,2)
11 Pulling 20 things distributed around first of October with love (8)
12 Extraordinarily keen to carry flower and fuel (8)
14 Hidden shooter's cut in service without fault (6)
16 Complain about bad tune for a hundred years (7)
18 Exceedingly good or exceedingly bad object from part of chain in church road (7)
21 Governor's at first half of rapids (6)
23 Limit on princess leaving district (8)
25 Arranging and serving grog in U.P. (8)
27 Wisecrack about minor offence (6)
29 Geographical sketch left, bearing flea jumping around Canadian symbol (5-4)
30 See! John is with king! (4)

Down

1 Use belly dance to get a piece of candy (5-3)
2 Cry, "Little power" (4)
3 Processed image covering park shows part of target area (6)
4 Excitedly fed. European sat and dined sumptuously. (7)
5 Caruso goes around the Spanish merry-go-round (8)
6 Journalist meditates in absence of mates (4)
9 Distance covered and managed to get keys (5)
13 Route, possibly the type of road skirting town (5)
15 The sort of man you feed in dinners (5)
17 Salespersons carrying flat slate piece can be cold-blooded creatures (8)
19 Spanish truck initially carries goods transported for French food source (8)
20 Big cat carrying girl goes around right mechanism activating camera trap (7)
22 Gold from Australia? Curious! (5)
24 Mistakenly set RAF to attack from aircraft (6)
26 Irritated puss gets employer of mailman in America (1,1,1,1)
28 Powder used in hospital clinic (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Vaikunta Ekadasi message

All of us pray to God every day for two things. One, to grant one's endless quest for wealth, position and health. The second prayer is to grant one moksha after performing one's duties on earth. These prayers are most fervent on Vaikunta Ekadasi. This day is hallowed, among all the 25 Ekadasis in a year, as it is on this day that Maha Vishnu Himself opens the gates of heaven for devotees, as stated in the Padma Purana and Uttara Kanda (chapters 36, 40), said Damal S. Ramakrishnan.

The game of snakes and ladders, played on Vaikunta Ekadasi, teaches one to shed ego and let go of attachments. The ladder signifies devotion to God, climbing which is rendered possible by leading a life of virtue, while the snake symbolises ego that pulls one down in all one's endeavours, most of all God-quest.

The legend behind Vaikunta Ekadasi is also one of ego and ultimate surrender to the Lord. Muran, an asura, drunk on the power of his strength gained through prayer and penance, began to harass devas, who began to lose ground to him. Upon hearing the prayers of the devas, Vishnu waged war on Muran who had already secured a boon whereby even Vishnu's powerful chakra would cause him no harm. However, proving that ego can never flourish, a female force sprang from Vishnu's chest. Identifying herself as Ekadasi, she slayed Muran and Vishnu opened the portals of heaven to devas. The day came to be celebrated as Vaikunta Ekadasi, with Vishnu granting Ekadasi's wish that anyone fasting, forgoing sleep, chanting Vishnu Sahasranamam, singing bhajans and surrendering to Him be granted heaven.

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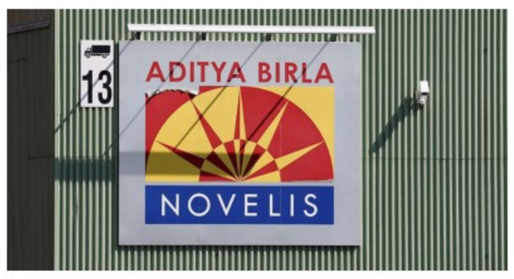

Novelis Inc plans to raise $750 million via bonds

U.S.-based Novelis Inc, which is part of Hindalco Industries, on Thursday said its indirect wholly owned arm plans to raise $750 million via bonds. Novelis intends to use the net proceeds from the proposed offering to repay $738 million of outstanding debt and any remaining proceeds to fund cash on its balance sheet. Novelis Inc, a sustainable aluminum solutions provider, had reported an 18% decline in net income at $128 million in the September quarter of 2024-25. PTI

TV Today Network to shut down 104.8 FM in six months

TV Today Network on Thursday announced that it will shut down its radio business, operated under the brand name Ishq 104.8 FM, in the next six months, citing current market dynamics. The board of the company in a meeting held on Thursday approved the proposal for the closure of the FM radio business, according to a regulatory filing. TV Today Network currently operates three FM radio stations in Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata under 104.8 FM. PTI

Tata Motors group global wholesales grew 1% in Q3

The Tata Motors group global wholesales in Q3 FY25, including that of Jaguar Land Rover, rose 1% year-on-year to 3,41,791 units. Global wholesales of all Tata Motors' commercial vehicles and Tata Daewoo range in Q3 FY25 stood at 97,535 units, lower by 1%, the company said. Global wholesales of passenger vehicles (PV) sales, including those of electric vehicles (EVs) in Q3 FY25 stood at 1,39,829 units, higher by 1% compared with Q3 FY24.

Govt. blames 'double-counting' for overestimating gold, silver import bills

Glitches in effort to migrate SEZs' trade reporting to ICEGATE system have led to both systems sharing 'mutually exclusive' data to Commerce Ministry; more corrections may be in the offing as the latest changes reflect 'first phase of reconciliations'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

After effecting an unprecedented $14.2 billion downward revision in India's goods imports for the first eight months of 2024-25, the Centre on Thursday said the erroneous figures were thrown up due to double counting of certain imports into Special Economic Zones (SEZs), and an official panel will be sprucing up data consistency.

Signalling that further data revisions could be in the offing, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said the principal commodity level data "uploaded recently" by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), "incorporates the first phase of reconciliations made till date".

The data review was triggered when quick trade estimates for November 2024 revealed an "unusual surge in imports of precious metals", the ministry said, pointing to the record $14.9 billion gold import tally. The DGCIS and DG

(Systems) at the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) launched a joint scrutiny and reconciliation.

"... Primarily, it was observed that due to migration of data transmission mechanism from SEZ to ICEGATE, figures of precious metals needed revision as it was noticed as the system was calculating both imports into SEZ and subsequent clearance into DTA [Domestic Tariff Area] as separate transactions after the migration," the ministry noted.

ICEGATE is a system used to capture trade from all ports, while SEZs had a separate system -- and a shift for SEZs' declarations to ICEGATE was recently effected. "However, owing to persistence of certain technical glitches, the migration is still not complete. Both SEZ Online and ICEGATE are still capturing and transmitting mutually exclusive exim data to DGCIS," it explained.

"A committee has been formed with stakeholders from DGCIS, DG Systems (CBIC) and SEZs for creation of a robust mechanism for publishing consistent data," conveyed a statement on the trade data changes, led by a $6 billion cut in November's import bill from the originally reported peak of $70 billion.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	77,620	-0.68
US Dollar	85.86	0.05
Gold	80,300	0.37
Brent oil	76.86	0.90

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2477.90	-37.35
Adani Ports	1132.35	-19.95
Apollo Hosp	7091.55	-51.10
Asian Paints	2350.20	15.85
Axis Bank	1061.75	-13.20
Bajaj Auto	8835.85	193.60
Bajaj Finserv	1690.30	-6.70
Bajaj Finance	7277.45	-77.95
Bharat Elec	281.25	-0.85
Bharti Airtel	1607.05	7.85
BPCL	280.00	-6.80
Britannia Ind	4926.30	66.40
Cipla	1488.20	-6.70
Coal India	372.20	-8.15
Dr Reddys Lab	1371.60	0.85
Eicher Motors	5139.90	-23.30
Grasim Ind	2410.40	-25.35
HCL Tech	1934.80	2.55
HDFC Bank	1667.80	-26.50
HDFC Life	612.20	-5.80
Hero MotoCorp	4141.25	3.15
Hindalco	589.25	2.60
Hind Unilever	2435.40	34.40
ICICI Bank	1262.40	-1.35
IndusInd Bank	980.90	-0.15
Infosys	1917.30	-15.85
ITC	450.10	0.55
JSW Steel	890.95	-11.35
Kotak Bank	1790.20	21.55
L&T	3527.90	-68.45
M&M	3126.50	40.40
Maruti Suzuki	11740.55	-81.45
NestleIndia	2256.05	36.15
NTPC	320.35	-5.05
ONGC	263.18	-8.15
PowerGrid Corp	305.25	-1.40
Reliance Ind	1254.75	-10.75
SBI Life	1468.45	5.30
State Bank	760.45	-10.70
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2809.85	-88.90
Sun Pharma	1826.35	-11.40
TataConsumerProduct	970.10	8.50
Tata Motors	780.10	-14.85
Tata Steel	129.93	-2.71
TCS	4038.85	-69.55
Tech Mahindra	1642.80	-20.95
Titan	3487.05	3.00
Trent Ltd.	6621.70	-77.40
UltraTech Cement	11259.80	-143.75
Wipro	292.30	-5.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 09

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.65	85.97
Euro	88.22	88.55
British Pound	105.15	105.55
Japanese Yen (100)	54.29	54.50
Chinese Yuan	11.68	11.72
Swiss Franc	93.90	94.27
Singapore Dollar	62.57	62.82
Canadian Dollar	59.50	59.73
Malaysian Ringitt	19.01	19.13
Australian Dollar	53.08	53.28

Source:Indian Bank

TCS net up 12% to ₹12,380 cr. in Q3, to pay ₹76 as dividend

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) consolidated net profit for the third-quarter ended December 31, 2024, increased 12% to ₹12,380 crore, even as macro factors of the second quarter and headwinds continued during the quarter under review, said the firm's CEO and MD K. Krithivasan.

Net margin was at 19.4% and total contract value (TCV) $10.2 billion. Revenue at ₹63,973 crore, grew 5.6% year-on-year (yoy) and 4.5% in constant currency. Operating margin at 24.5% declined 50 basis

K. Krithivasan

points. One basis point is 0.01%. The board has declared a dividend of ₹76 per share, including ₹66 as special dividend. The record date is January 17.

Briefing reporters, Mr. Krithivasan said, "Banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) and consumer business group (CBG) [verticals] returning to growth, continued stellar run of regional markets, and early signs of revival in discretionary spend in some verticals, give us confidence for the future."

Mr. Krithivasan said the change of guard in the U.S. Presidency is unlikely to impact the company.

Milind Lakkad, chief HR officer, said TCS promoted more than 25,000 associates during quarter taking the total promotions this year to over 1.10 lakh. The attrition rate of 13% was a matter of no concern, Mr. Lakkad added.

IOC, BPCL, HPCL to get ₹35,000 crore in LPG subsidy

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Centre is likely to provide a subsidy of ₹35,000 crore to State-owned Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) to make up for losses they incurred on selling the fuel this fiscal, sources said.

The three fuel retailers have kept the price of domestic LPG unchanged at ₹803 per 14.2-kg cylinder since March 2024 despite a rise in input raw material cost. This had led to under-recoveries on LPG sales, and the resultant drastic fall in their earnings in the April-September period.

The total under-recovery on LPG sales for the industry in the current fiscal is estimated at about ₹40,500 crore. Against this, the government is likely to provide ₹35,000 crore in total spread over two financial years, two sources said. IOC, BPCL and HPCL are likely to get ₹10,000 crore during the current 2024-25 fiscal and the remaining ₹25,000 crore in the next, they said.

Santosh Iyer

Top-end cars drive 12% sales surge in 2024 for Mercedes

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mercedes-Benz India sold 19,565 units in calender year 2024 (CY24), a growth of 12.4% from CY23 despite challenging market headwinds, the company said.

"This outstanding sales was driven by a combination of newly-launched and existing vehicles and an enhanced retail customer experience," said Santosh Iyer, MD & CEO, Mercedes-Benz India.

"Demand persisted for Mercedes-Benz across its entry, core, and top-end vehicle (TEV) segments, with strong performance from new as well as existing products," he added.

"Much of the growth came from top-end vehicles. We are confident of consolidating the market gains and continue this growth in 2025," he noted.

In 2024, Mercedes-Benz launched 14 new products, including nine top-end vehicles in the Indian market. For CY25), the company said it would unveil eight new vehicles.

The firm unveiled two battery electric vehicles viz. the five-seater 'Made in India' EQS 450 SUV priced at ₹1.28 crore and offroadster G580 with EQ Technology at ₹3 crore.

'India's new central bank chief seeks to improve forecasts'

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's new central bank governor Sanjay Malhotra has initiated a review of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) inflation and growth forecasting tools to minimise projection errors, four sources said.

Mr. Malhotra, who took charge last month, is asking the RBI's internal teams to include new datasets, analysis and projections in inflation and growth forecasts, sources aware of the RBI's thinking said.

None of the sources wished to be identified as they are not allowed to speak with the media. The RBI did not immediately respond to a *Reuters*' email seeking comment.

Sanjay Malhotra

Off the mark

The review comes amid increased scrutiny of the bank's growth and inflation estimates, which have been off the mark for much of the current fiscal year, with growth on track to be much weaker than expected and inflation higher.

At the December policy meet, the RBI cut growth forecast sharply to 6.6% from 7.2% for 2024-25 with retail inflation projections raised upwards to 4.8% vs. 4.5% earlier. This was after India's gross domestic product growth fell unexpectedly to 5.4% in the July-September quarter, its slowest in seven quarters, while inflation quickened again in November.

On Tuesday, the government forecast annual growth of 6.4% in the fiscal year ending in March, the slowest in four years and below the RBI's projections of 6.6%, weighed by weaker investment and manufacturing. Two of the sources *Reuters* spoke to said the RBI would look to increase datasets required to gauge trends in income and expenditure better.

Digital payment trends

For this, it could include trends in small-ticket digital payments as well as data from food delivery apps and online taxi aggregators, both sources said.

A breakdown of different components of fuel usage could also be added to judge retail and industrial activity, they said.

"Mr. Malhotra is data-driven – as of now, he wants to curb forecast errors the RBI has been making on inflation and growth," a source said.

The RBI is seeking to widen data collected on India's informal economy, which is currently inconsistent and difficult to use to make accurate forecasts, a second source aware of the discussions said.

To improve inflation projections, the RBI will use machine learning tools to preempt price fluctuations in volatile items like food, the first source said.

"We should be able to see the impact of changes made fairly soon, in the February policy projections itself," another source said.

IOB to sell ₹11,500 cr. bad loans to ARCs

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

State-run Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) said it is selling non-performing assets (NPAs) of ₹11,500 crore to asset reconstruction companies (ARCs).

The lender said it is selling 46 loan accounts and invited expressions of interest from the ARCs, according to a statement.

IOB MD and CEO Ajay Kumar Srivastava said when it comes to resolving stress, the bank wants to focus on value maximisation through recovery measures, including invoking SARFAESI actions, compromise settlements and sales to ARCs.

Gross NPAs stood at 2.72% as of September 2024, down from a peak of 11.69% in March 2021.

NMDC slashes iron ore prices by ₹350 a tonne for lump, fines

N. Ravikumar
HYDERABAD

State-owned miner NMDC has reduced iron ore prices by ₹350 per tonne, for both lump and fines, effective January 9.

Consequently, lump ore costs ₹6,000 per tonne and same quantity of fines ₹5,060, the company said on Thursday in a filing on price of the commodity from its Baila mine. These are freight on road/rail (FOR) prices and inclusive of royalty, DMF, and NMET, and exclusive of cess, forest permit fee, transit fee, GST, environmental cess and other taxes, the miner said.

Nod for GIFT City unit

Meanwhile, NMDC is planning to set up a subsidiary at GIFT City in Gujarat and open liaison offices in Dubai as well as Brisbane/Melbourne, Australia.

In a filing on Wednesday, the company said the board had accorded in-principle approval for incorporation of a wholly owned subsidiary at GIFT City and the opening of the liaison offices subject to approval of the Ministry of Steel, DIPAM, and any other authority as required.

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LITERARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

1. Venki Ramakrishnan, author of Gene and Why We Die, shared a Nobel Prize in which discipline with Thomas A. Steitz and Ada Yonath?
2. Which Indian poet is known as the Father of Indian-English poetry?
3. This English comedian, actor, writer, and television personality, known comedy series Little Britain and Come Fly With Me, is now a best-selling children's author. Name him.

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Answer to yesterday's quiz:
1. Romulus Whitaker | 2. Ashwin Sanghi | 3. Albatross

Yesterday's Winners:
1. Dilip Viswaraj, Chennai | 2. Namit Khurana, New Delhi | 3. Adarsh Kumar, Bangalore

BRUSSELS

Trump must respect Greenland's sovereignty, says EU top diplomat

AFP

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas on Thursday said that Greenland's sovereignty must be respected after President-elect Donald Trump's remarks about potential military action to seize the island. Ms. Kallas reaffirmed that "Greenland is part of Denmark" and highlighted the importance of territorial integrity. AFP

DAMASCUS

37 killed as Turkiye-backed rebels, Kurdish forces clash in Syria's east

REUTERS

Battles in Syria's Manbij region between Turkish-backed groups and Kurdish-led forces resulted in 37 deaths on Thursday. The fighting, supported by air strikes, involved the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and Turkish-backed factions, with casualties including combatants and civilians, a war monitor said. AFP

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka jails firebrand monk for nine months for insulting Islam

AFP

A Sri Lankan court on Thursday sentenced firebrand Buddhist monk Galagodaatte Gnanasara to nine months in prison for anti-Muslim remarks made in 2016, marking his second incarceration for similar offences. He had previously been jailed last year for disparaging the Muslim minority, which constitutes over 10% of the population. AFP

N'DJAMENA

Attack on Chad's presidential palace leaves 19 dead, 3 injured

REUTERS

An attack on Chad's presidential palace resulted in 18 assailants killed and six detained, with one soldier dead and three wounded. The incident occurred while President Mahamat Deby Itno was inside, but authorities quickly regained control. The attackers were described as disorganised local youth, not terrorists. AP

Wildfires rage out of control near Los Angeles, killing at least five

The biggest of the three blazes has consumed more than 5,000 acres in Pacific Palisades, a picturesque neighbourhood in west Los Angeles; officials say fierce winds were hindering firefighting efforts; California declares a state of emergency

Reuters
LOS ANGELES

At least five people were killed as several fast-growing wildfires raged out of control on Wednesday near Los Angeles, destroying hundreds of buildings, scorching hillsides and prompting officials to order some 1,80,000 people to evacuate their homes.

Fierce winds were hindering firefighting efforts and fuelling the fires, which have expanded unimpeded since they began on Tuesday.

The biggest blaze has consumed more than 5,000 acres in Pacific Palisades, a picturesque neighbourhood in west Los Angeles County between the beach towns of Santa Monica and Malibu that is home to many film, television and music stars. More than 1,000 structures have been destroyed, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony Marrone said at a press conference on Wednesday.

Smoke billows: A Bank of America building engulfed in flames in Los Angeles on Wednesday. AFP

Another fire, the Eaton fire, had grown to more than 2,000 acres as it burned some 50 km inland in Altadena, near Pasadena. The L.A. County sheriff has indicated that the total death count is still being determined.

The Hurst fire, in Sylmar in the San Fernando Valley northwest of Los Angeles, had exceeded 500 acres. All three fires were 0% contained, officials said.

A " high number" of significant injuries had occurred among residents who did not heed evacuation orders, Mr. Marrone said. Officials warned that the gusty winds were forecast to persist throughout the day.

As the flames spread and residents began evacuating after the fires broke out on Tuesday, roads were so jammed that some people abandoned their vehicles to escape the fire. Emergency responders were going door to door to press evacuation orders.

California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency on Tuesday. President Joe Biden planned to visit a Santa Monica fire station for a briefing from fire officials on Wednesday, the White House said.

President-elect Donald Trump, who takes office in two weeks, blamed Mr. Newsom's environmental policies for the disaster in a post on his Truth Social website.

After two years of vacuum, Lebanon elects new leader

Associated Press
BEIRUT

Lebanon's Parliament voted on Thursday to elect Army commander Joseph Aoun as head of state, filling a more than two-year-long presidential vacuum.

The vote came weeks after a tenuous ceasefire agreement halted a 14-month conflict between Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah and at a time when Lebanon's leaders are seeking international assistance for reconstruction.

Mr. Aoun was widely seen as the preferred candidate of the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, whose assistance Lebanon will need as it seeks to rebuild. The session was the legislature's 13th attempt to elect a successor to Michel Aoun, whose term ended in October 2022.

Joseph Aoun

Hezbollah previously backed another candidate, Suleiman Frangieh, the leader of a small Christian party in northern Lebanon with close ties to former Syrian President Bashar Assad. However, on Wednesday, Mr. Frangieh announced he had withdrawn from the race.

In a first round of voting on Thursday, Mr. Aoun received 71 out of 128 votes but fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to win outright. In the second round, he received 99 votes.

Mr. Aoun was escorted into the parliament building in downtown Beirut where he took the oath of office.

In a speech to Parliament, Mr. Aoun pledged to carry out reforms to the judicial system, fight corruption and work to consolidate the state's right to "monopolise the carrying of weapons," in an apparent allusion to the arms of Hezbollah.

He also promised to control the country's borders and "ensure the activation of the security services and to discuss a strategic defence policy that will enable the Lebanese state to remove the Israeli occupation from all Lebanese territories".

More than 46,000 Palestinians killed in Israel-Hamas war

Associated Press
DEIR AL-BALAH

More than 46,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israel-Hamas war, Gaza's Health Ministry said on Thursday, with no end in sight to the conflict.

The Ministry said a total of 46,006 Palestinians have been killed and 1,09,378 wounded. It has said women and children make up more than half the fatalities, but does not say how many of the dead were fighters or civilians.

The Israeli military says it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence. It says it tries to avoid harming civilians and blames Hamas for their deaths because the militants operate in residential areas. Israel has also repeatedly struck what it claims are militants hiding in shelters and hospitals, often killing women and children.

The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel on October 7, 2023.

Myanmar junta air strike kills 40, injures 20, drawing widespread condemnation

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

A Myanmar junta air strike killed at least 40 persons and injured over 20 persons in a village in western Rakhine state, according to reports from the Arakan Army (AA) and local rescue workers on Thursday.

The bombing occurred around 1.20 p.m. on Thursday, during fierce fighting between the AA and the military for control of Rakhine state. The attack ignited a fire that destroyed over 500 homes, leaving residents in shock as they navigated through charred ruins.

Burning houses at the site of an air strike carried out by Myanmar's military at a village in western Rakhine state on Thursday. AFP

AA spokesperson Khaing Thu Kha reported that initial estimates indicated 40 civilians were killed and 20 wounded. However, a local rescue worker stated that the death toll had risen to 41, with 52 injured.

The rescue team faced significant challenges in providing medical assistance due to limited supplies and difficult transportation conditions.

The military's use of air strikes against civilian communities has drawn widespread condemnation amid escalating violence following the coup that ousted Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021. The UN has warned that over 3.5 million people have been displaced by the conflict, with projections indicating that nearly 20 million people may require aid in 2025.

Militants abduct 16 mining labourers in northwest Pakistan

Associated Press
DERA ISMAIL KHAN

Militants ambushed a vehicle in restive northwestern Pakistan and abducted 16 labourers working on a mining project, police and two security officials said.

The insurgents also burned the vehicle that had been carrying the workers on a narrow road in Lakki Marwat district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan, police officer Mohammad Ijaz said.

The attack occurred as the labourers were travelling from Lakki Marwat to a nearby mining project, Mr. Ijaz said. He gave no further details. Other security officials said the mining project where the men worked is related to the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, but that the abducted labourers are not its employees.

There was no immediate claim for the abduction, but suspicion is likely to fall on the Pakistani Taliban.

Sport

Djokovic could run into Alcaraz in the last eight

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Associated Press
MELBOURNE

Defending champion Jannik Sinner and 10-time Australian Open winner Novak Djokovic have landed in opposite sides of the draw for the season's first Major, ruling out a replay of last year's semifinal match.

Sinner upset Djokovic in the semifinals here last year before coming back to beat Daniil Medvedev in the final 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 for his first Grand Slam singles title.

Top-ranked Sinner has a first-round match against Nicolas Jarry and also has Taylor Fritz, Ben Shelton and Medvedev in his quarter of the draw.

Juicy match-up: Fans would relish the prospect of Djokovic taking on Alcaraz before the summit clash. AFP

Fritz will open against fellow American Jenson Brooksby.

Djokovic and No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz could meet in the quarterfinals, with a possible semifinal against No. 2 Alexander Zverev.

Aryna Sabalenka, attempting to win a third consecutive women's singles title at Melbourne Park, something last accomplished by Martina Hingis from 1997 to 1999, drew a tough opening match against 2017 US Open champion Sloane Stephens.

Sabalenka also has 17-year-old Mirra Andreeva and Zheng in her section.

Third-seeded Coco Gauff is a potential semifinal rival for Sabalenka.

Challenging

Gauff has a challenging first-round match against former Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin and is in the same section of the draw as four-time Major winner Naomi Osaka and seventh-seeded Jessica Pegula.

No. 2 Iga Swiatek and 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina are on the other half of the draw.

The Australian Open starts on Sunday morning in Melbourne and will run for 15 days.

Djokovic will be playing in his first event alongside new coach Andy Murray, his former on-court rival and a three-time Major champion.

Satwiksairaj and Chirag in last eight

Press Trust of India
KUALA LUMPUR

The doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty cruised to the quarterfinals of the Malaysia Super 1000 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

The results (second round): **Men**: Li Shi Feng (Chn) bt H.S. Prannoy 21-8, 15-21, 23-21. **Doubles**: Chirag Shetty & Satwiksairaj Rankireddy bt Tan Wei Kiong & Nur Mohd. Ayub (Mas) 21-15, 21-15. **Women**: Han Yue (Chn) bt Malvika Bansod 21-18, 21-11. **Doubles**: Jia Yi Fan & Zhang Shu Xian (Chn) bt Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand 15-21, 21-18, 21-19.

Mixed Doubles: Cheng Xing & Zhang Chi (Chn) bt Dhruv Kapila & Tanisha Crasto 21-13, 22-20; Goh Soon Huat & Shevon Jemei Lai (Mas) bt Sathish Karunakaran & Aadya Variyath 21-10, 21-17.

It's Del Aviz vs. Knotty Patton in feature event

RACING

BENGALURU: Del Aviz and Knotty Patton may fight out the finish of the J.B. Mallaradhya Memorial Trophy (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Friday (Jan. 10). False rails (width about 4.5m from 1,600 to the winning post) will be in position.

1 GOKAK FALLS PLATE (2,000m), rated 20 to 45, 2-15 p.m.: 1. Lex Luthor (1) Shreyas S 60, 2. Vyasa (4) Trevor 60, 3. Gandolfini (2) Srinath 57.5 and 4. Mystical Air (3) Akshay K 54.
1. VYASA,
2. MYSTICAL AIR

2 PLANETARIUM PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 2-45: 1. Sea Diamond (7) Adarsh 62, 2. Joyful Spirit (2) A. Ramu 61, 3. Sand Castles (5) P. Sai Kumar 60, 4. Glaze (6) Kiran Rai 59.5, 5. Double Scotch (4) Jagadeesh 59, 6. Quevega (3) M. Rajesh K 55.5, 7. Superhero (8) Rayan 55 and 8. Burning Arrow (1) Angad 52.5.
1. DOUBLE SCOTCH,
2. SUPERHERO,
3. SAND CASTLES

3 SHARAVATI PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3-15: 1. Springsteen (4) Aleemuddin 60, 2. Running Bolt (1) R. Robert 59.5, 3. Infinite Spirit (8) Vivek 58.5, 4. Tripple V (5) Pavan 58, 5. Domina (6) Jagadeesh 57, 6. Ice Storm (2) M. Rajesh K 55.5, 7. Firefinch (7) R. Pradeep 55 and 8. Multisided (3) Koshi K 55.
1. INFINITE SPIRIT,
2. RUNNING BOLT,
3. DOMINA

4 FRANKEL TROPHY (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-45: 1. El Rey (8) Vinod Shinde 56, 2. Magnetar (6) Sandesh 56, 3. Most And More (7) Darshan 56, 4. Ransomware (2) M. Rajesh K 56, 5. Hazel (5) Akshay K 54.5, 6. Honeypot (1) Angad 54.5, 7. Khazana (4) Trevor 54.5, 8. Miracle Star (9) Mukesh K 54.5 and 9. Queendom (3) Jagadeesh 54.5.
1. MIRACLE STAR,
2. KHAZANA,
3. HAZAL

5 J.B. MALLARADHYA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-15: 1. La Mcqueen (1) Aleemuddin 61.5, 2. IL Volo (8) Angad 58, 3. Art Gallery (9) L.A. Rozario 56.5 4. High Speed Drive (7) R. Pradeep 56, 5. Hand Of God (3) Shariq Md 55.5, 6. Lauterbrunnen (2) M. Rajesh K 55, 7. Power Of Beauty (4) Arvind K 55, 8. Knotty Patton (10) Trevor 54, 9. Star Admiral (6) Rayan 53 and 10. Del Aviz (5) Akshay K 52.
1. DEL AVIZ,
2. KNOTTY PATTON,
3. POWER OF BEAUTY

6 CHITRADURGA PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 4-45: 1. Blue God (7) Sandesh 61.5, 2. Auspicious Queen (2) Kiran Rai 60.5, 3. Armory (4) M. Rajesh K 58.5, 4. Crosswater (3) Aleemuddin 57.5, 5. Dynamic Force (8) Hemanth 57, 6. Sekhmet (5) Darshan 55, 7. Sundance Kid (1) Mukesh K 54 and 8. Vayu (6) Jagadeesh 52.
1. AUSPICIOUS QUEEN,
2. BLUE GOD,
3. SEKHMET

7 SHARAVATI PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-15: 1. Extraordinary (4) P. Sai Kumar 62, 2. Own Legacy (2) Rayan 62, 3. Precious Gift (3) Shreyas S 61.5, 4. Ebotse (7) Trevor 61, 5. Isabelle (5) Pavan 60.5, 6. Chisox (6) Faiz 59.5, 7. Baashha (8) Vivek 59 and 8. Super Kind (1) R. Pradeep 57.5.
1. EXTRAORDINARY,
2. EBOTSE, 3. ISABELLE

Day's best: VYASA
Double: DEL AVIZ – AUSPICIOUS QUEEN
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

IDEAL PLATFORM

Golden opportunity for younger players to impress, says Smriti

X@BCCI

India skipper Smriti Mandhana feels that the series against Ireland is a perfect platform for the younger players to stake a claim for selection ahead of the ODI World Cup, which India is hosting later this year. "It's an opportunity for the other players (Minnu Mani and Priya Mishra, *in pic*) to impress."

NATURAL LEADER

Gavaskar backs Bumrah to succeed Rohit as Test captain

GETTY IMAGES

The legendary Sunil Gavaskar is in awe of Jasprit Bumrah's leadership qualities and reckons the fast bowler could succeed Rohit Sharma as the next captain of the Indian team. "He could be the next man. Because he leads from the front, he has got a very good air about him," he said on *Channel 7*.

COMEBACK

McSweeney returns to Australia squad for Sri Lanka tour

AP

Nathan McSweeney was named in Australia's squad for the two-Test tour of Sri Lanka. Steve Smith will lead the side.
The squad: Smith (Capt.), Abbott, Boland, Carey, Connolly, Head, Inglis, Khawaja, Konstas, Kuhnemann, Labuschagne, Lyon, McSweeney, Murphy, Starc and Webster.

TESTING TIMES

Cummins' 'sore ankle' a worry for Aussies ahead of Champions Trophy

AFP

An injury concern looms over Australian skipper Pat Cummins ahead of next month's Champions Trophy with the pacer set to undergo a scan on his "sore ankle", and chairman of selectors George Bailey refusing to confirm his availability for the marquee event, starting on February 19.

Smriti-led India keen to sustain momentum in ODIs against Ireland

Purple patch: Smriti will look to continue her fine form. X@BCCIWOMEN

IRELAND IN INDIA

Press Trust of India
RAJKOT

The Women in Blue, riding high after a dominant performance against the West Indies, will look to carry forward the momentum when they take on Ireland in the opening ODI here on Friday.

India had blanked the West Indies 3-0 in the ODI series after a 2-1 win in the T20I series. Smriti Mandhana emerged the top run-scorer across formats, scoring 148 runs in the ODI series, including two half-centuries, and 193 runs in the T20s, with three successive fifties.

Smriti will look to bring the same form as she leads the team in the absence of regular captain Harmanpreet Kaur, who has been rested alongside fast bowler Renuka Singh.

The responsibility shifts to the rest of the batters, including Harleen Deol, Pratika Rawal, and Jemimah Rodrigues, to step up.

In the bowling department, the onus will now fall on newcomers Titas Sadhu and Saima Thakor.

The Irish team has never beaten India in the 12 ODIs the two teams have played.

The teams (from):
India: Smriti Mandhana (Capt.), Deepti Sharma (Vice-capt.), Pratika Rawal, Harleen Deol, Jemimah Rodrigues, Uma Chetry (wk), Richa Ghosh (wk), Tejal Hasabnis, Raghvi Bist, Minnu Mani, Priya Mishra, Tanuja Kanwer, Titas Sadhu, Saima Thakor and Sayali Satghare.
Ireland: Gaby Lewis (Capt.), Ava Canning, Christina Coulter Reilly, Alana Dalzell, Laura Delany, Georgina Dempsey, Sarah Forbes, Arlene Kelly, Joanna Loughran, Aimee Maguire, Leah Paul, Orla Prendergast, Una Raymond-Hoey, Freya Sargent and Rebecca Stokell.
Match starts at 11 a.m.

Lancers bounce back to edge out Team Gonasika

Kina and Zalewski find the target as the home side climbs to the third spot; defensive errors prove costly for the visitors after they seize the lead through Sunil's strike in the 14th minute

HIL

Y.B. Sarangi
ROURKELA

Vedanta Kalinga Lancers rallied to beat Team Gonasika 2-1 in a keenly contested affair and record its second consecutive victory in the Hockey India League (HIL) at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium here on Thursday.

The win over Gonasika, which played on consecutive days, enabled Lancers jump to the third spot.

Lancers used both the flanks and had more circle entries in the first quarter but Gonasika held tight to deny an early advantage to the home side. Lancers' lone penalty corner saw Alex Hendrickx shoot wide.

However, it was Gonasika which drew first blood close to the first breather. Lee Morton sent in a cross from the right and S.V. Sunil controlled the ball at the goalmouth before tapping it in to the disappointment of local fans.

Lancers improved its performance in the second quarter.

Nicholas Bandurak scored for the host in the 23rd minute and video umpire Anand Dangi, following a referral, advised that the goal should stand. However, after seeing the replay on the big screen, on-field umpire Coen van Bunge overruled Dangi's decision and disallowed the goal on the grounds of dangerous play by Lancers.

Roaring success: Lancers, undaunted by an early reverse, hit back strongly. HIL

The Lancers frontline had some frustrating moments due to lack of coordination. But, when Gonasika was down to 10 men as Manpreet Singh was shown the green card, Antoine Kina took advantage of a defensive lapse on the top of the circle to slam home the equaliser minutes before half-time.

After the change of ends, Lancers continued to apply pressure and penetrated the Gonasika circle a few times. It got into the lead despite issues with its passing. Hendrickx's accurate pass from outside the circle on the left was guided in by captain Aran Zalewski in a crowded 'D.' Incidentally, Gonasika was again down by a man because of Araijeet Singh Hundal's suspension.

Lancers created chances but struggled with finishing in the final quarter. Dilpreet dived forward spectacularly to a cross from Angad Bir Singh from right but could not send the ball in. His side, however, held on to its lead till the end.

The result: Vedanta Kalinga Lancers 2 (Kina 28, Zalewski 33) bt Team Gonasika 1 (Sunil 14).

Mo Farah announced as ambassador of Mumbai Marathon

Extra special: Farah will be in attendance to make a landmark 20th edition even more memorable. REUTERS

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

Mo Farah, the legendary distance runner, has been roped in as the International event ambassador for the 20th edition of the Tata Mumbai Marathon to be held on January 19 in south Mumbai.

Farah's appointment was made official at a media conference to confirm a record-breaking 60,000 runners' participation in the annual gala.

Farah will be in attendance to make a landmark edition even more memorable, ten days from now.

"When I run, I feel free, feel happy, and what better way to share this feeling with my fellow runners than an event that kickstarted a running movement in India 20 years ago," Farah, the only runner to achieve a double of a gold medal in 5,000m and 10,000m at an Olympic edition, said in a message relayed on Thursday.

"Road running has been a catalyst for change, as has the city of Mumbai. I am looking forward to seeing a superb celebration amidst the sights and sounds of Mumbai. I'll be there cheering for everyone at the start line."

Farah, the Somalia-born British legend, holds a record 10 global championship gold medals (four Olympic and six World titles). He has been hailed as the greatest ever distance runner.

He will be among the dignitaries who will flag off the event at the iconic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus.

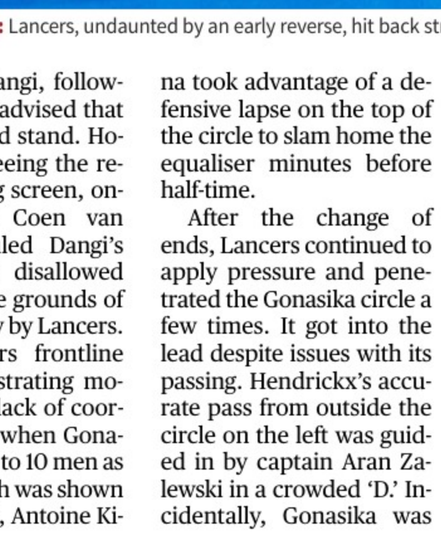
Batters falter as Tamil Nadu falls short in the chase against spirited Rajasthan

HAZARE TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav
VADODARA

Abhijeet Tomar's superbly-paced century (111, 125b, 12x4, 4x6) and a disciplined all-round bowling effort powered Rajasthan to a 19-run win over Tamil Nadu in the pre-quarterfinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here at the Kotambi Stadium on Thursday.

Asked to bat first, Rajasthan was bowled out for 267 despite Tomar's heroics and skipper Mahipal Lomoror's breezy half-century (60, 49b, 3x4, 4x6) at the top of the order. The duo forged a 160-run alliance for the second wicket off just 132 balls and laid the platform for a big total.



The sizzlers: Tomar smashed 12 boundaries and four sixes in his century while Varun picked up five wickets. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Varun at it

However, Varun Chakaravarthy (five for 52) bowled TN back into the contest, running through Rajasthan's batting line-up as he scalped his fourth List A five-wicket haul.

In reply, TN got off to a flyer when N. Jagadeesan (65) smashed pacer Aman Singh Shekawat for six boundaries in the second over. The five-time champion was in complete control, managing 70 for two in the first PowerPlay.

Even though Rajasthan dried up the runs through their spinners once the field spread out, Jagadeesan and B. Indrajith kept the asking rate in check.

Soft dismissals

But a spate of soft dismissals saw the southern side squander their advantage. Jagadeesan first lofted left-arm spinner Ajay Kookna straight to long-off before Indrajith's half-hearted ramp off Shekhawat went straight to the third-man fielder.

Vijay Shankar (49) and S. Mohamed Ali (34) got the chase back on track during their 51-run partnership for the fifth wicket.

However, against the run of play, Mohamed Ali set off for a non-existent single from the non-striker's end and ran himself out. It was the opening Rajasthan needed to close out the contest and set-up a quarterfinal clash against Vidarbha on Sunday.

Earlier, Tomar, who was dropped on zero, was watchful in the first 10 overs before unleashing his full range of strokes.

The Rajasthan opener used his reach to hit through the line and punished anything short by using the cut shot to good effect against the tweakers.

Just when Rajasthan looked set for a big total, Varun struck thrice in three overs to turn the tide in his team's favour. Lomror's side lost its last seven wickets for 58 runs to be bowled out in the 48th over. But in the end, Rajasthan had enough on the board.

The scores: Rajasthan 267 in 47.3 overs (Abhijeet Tomar 111, Mahipal Lomror 60, Varun Chakaravarthy 5/52) bt Tamil Nadu 248 in 47.1 overs (N. Jagadeesan 65, Vijay Shankar 49, Aman Singh Shekawat 3/60).

Haryana 298/9 in 50 overs (Parth Vats 62, Nishant Sindhu 64, Sumit Kumar 41 n.o., Mohammed Shami 3/61) bt Bengal 226 in 43.1 overs (Abhishek Porel 57, Parth Vats 3/33).

Honours even as OFC digs deep to deny Chennaiyin

ISL

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
CHENNAI

Defensive errors were aplenty in the Chennaiyin FC-Odisha FC Indian Super League fixture at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Thursday.

The honours were split 2-2 after a pulsating contest as Odisha found two late goals to cancel out Wilmar Jordan Gil's brace earlier in the second half.

Both teams had nothing great to show in the attacking front in the first period. While CFC resorted to long balls to find its goal, OFC found it difficult to piece together any meaningful efforts with its superior ball possession.

The game, though, came alive after the break.

Odisha custodian Amrinder Singh's miss-pass was intercepted by an alert Connor Shields and his measured assist to Gil was calmly converted by the Colombian in front of goal.

The Shields-Gil pair pounced on another chance shortly.

The Chennaiyin No. 10's run through the left flank had the Odisha defence lose its shape and Gil was stationed perfectly inside the box to receive the pass and slot the ball in to double the host's advantage.

The visitors had a glimmer of hope when Diego Mauricio's powerful off-target shot hit Dorielton Gomes' heel and went into the Chennaiyin net in the 80th.

The Odisha forwards threatened to equalise throughout the fag end of the match and restored parity through Mohammad Nawaz's own goal in added time.

Rahul K.P.'s bicycle kick hit the post and ricocheted onto the Chennaiyin goalkeeper who had no time to prevent the inevitable.

Game of fine margins: Gil was on song for the hosts with a brace, but Odisha stormed back to restore parity. R. RAGU

The result: Chennaiyin FC 2 (Gil 48, 53) drew with Odisha FC 2 (Dorielton 80, Nawaz og-90+8).

INBRIEF

West Ham hires Potter as its new manager

West Ham United has named Graham Potter as their new head coach to replace Julen Lopetegui on a two-and-a-half year contract.

Women's Team-D and Team-A register victories

Team-D and Team-A beat Team-E and Team-C respectively in the BCCI Senior Women's One Day Challenger trophy in Chennai on Thursday.

The scores: Team-D 263/7 in 50 overs (Reema Sisodia 61, Kanika Ahuja 65, Laxmi Yadav 40 n.o., Amanjot Kaur 3/40) bt Team-E 223/9 in 50 overs (S. Shubha 34, Shweta Sehrawat 34, Ayushi Soni 61 n.o., Sushree Dibyadarshini 3/36).
Team-C 242 in 50 overs (Yastika Bhatia 31, Henrietta Pereira 52, Sneh Rana 35, Kaushalya Choudhary 40, Arundathi Reddy 3/35) lost to Team-A 245/6 in 45.2 overs (Shafali Verma 87, Dhara Gujjar 30, Tanusree Sarkar 30, Shipra Giri 43).

Ambrish, Jayant and Kishore take Tamil Nadu to 358/7

B.K. Kishore (54) and R.S. Ambrish (85), R.K. Jayant (79 batting) powered Tamil Nadu to 358 for seven against Gujarat on the third day of Cooch Behar Trophy final in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

The scores: Gujarat 380 vs Tamil Nadu 358/7 in 131 overs (B.K. Kishore 54, R.S. Ambrish 85, R.K. Jayant 79 batting, Khilan Patel 3/141).

Primrose HC steamrollers Coorg HA

Primrose HC hammered Coorg HA 11-0 in the KSHA B-division hockey league in Bengaluru on Thursday.

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Malaysia Open: Sports 18-3 & Hotstar, 6.30 a.m.
India Women vs Ireland Women: 1st ODI, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 11 a.m.
I-League: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 & 7 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 7.30 p.m.
Hockey: HIL, DD Sports, Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 & LIV, 8.15 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday)
Serie A: gxr.world, 1.15 a.m. (Saturday)
LaLiga: gxr.world, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday)

It is about balancing workload and rehab for Hardik

The UP Rudras captain is keen to help the team go all the way in the Hockey India League; says main job is to qualify for the top four and and then give 110%

Y.B. Sarangi
ROURKELA

A key member of the Indian team that won successive Olympics bronze medals in Tokyo and Paris, midfielder Hardik Singh is striking a balance between his workload and rehab during the Hockey India League (HIL).

Hardik, who hurt his left shoulder after colliding with a Spanish player in the fourth quarter of the bronze medal match at the Paris Olympics, missed the Asian Champions Trophy in Hulunbuir, China, and a two-Test series against Germany in Delhi while recovering from the injury.

"I went through rehab for four months. I played (a test event) with the development team (in Breda, the Netherlands). After the Olympics this is my first high tempo competition, it has been going well.

Geared up: Hardik wants to play all the 12 matches in the HIL. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Second injury

"There's still some pain in my shoulder but I'm managing," Hardik, dealing with his second major injury, told *The Hindu*. Before this, he suffered a hamstring injury in a pool match against England and was ruled out of the 2023 World Cup here.

Despite the workload, the UP Rudras captain is giving adequate attention to his rehab. "When there's no match, I focus on my therapy and rehab sessions. Everyday, I spend half-an-hour with the physio and one hour for the rehab of my shoulder."

Asked whether he would consider skipping some matches to protect his shoulder, the 26-year-old said, "It's not so bad. I want to play all the 12 matches (including a semi-final and the final/bronze medal match). I'll see how my shoulder responds."

As the Rudras suffered its first loss (against Hyderabad Toofans) after winning two matches, Hardik adopted a practical approach.

"It's easy to point fingers at each other after a defeat. After the first two matches, our players complimented each other for the good work. We're trying out different combinations. The main job is to qualify for the top four and then give 110 per cent," said Hardik.

Bhriguvanshi stars as Delhi downs Kerala, takes on Karnataka in men's quarterfinals

BASKETBALL

Sports Bureau

Vishesh Bhriguvanshi was in splendid form as he scored 35 points to guide Delhi to a 81-66 victory over Kerala in the last league match of the 74th National basketball championship in Bhavnagar on Thursday.

In the quarterfinals, Delhi will play another team that was consistent through the league, Karnataka while Services will meet Punjab. Defending champion Tamil Nadu will take on the winner of the match between Chandigarh and Uttar Pradesh while Railways will clash with the winner of the Rajasthan-Gujarat contest.

In the women's section, Tamil Nadu will play Madhya Pradesh in the quarterfinals, while Delhi will meet Chhattisgarh. Defending champion Railways will take on the winner of the contest between West Bengal and Gujarat. Kerala will lock horns with the winner of the Maharashtra-Karnataka clash.

The results: League: Men: Group-A: Delhi 81 (Vishesh Bhriguvanshi 35, Joginder Singh 18, Prince Tyagi 12) bt Kerala 66 (Sejin Mathew 14, Antony Johnson 12, Vaisak Manoj 12, Joshua Oommen 12); **B:** Railways 81 (Vishnu Prasad 13, Amrendra Naik 11, Santosh Mani 10) bt MP 63 (Harshwardhan Singh 19, Rakesh Sharma 17, Brijesh Tiwari 15); Karnataka 78 (Priyanshu Tomar 21, Aaron Monterio 12) bt Chandigarh 51 (Gandham Sai Roshan 16, Vaibhav Saini 12).
Women: Group-A: Railways 102 (T. Dharshini 16, K.B. Harshita 14, P. Priyanka 14, Sathya Senthilkumar 12, Rashi Kotan 11) bt Punjab 46 (Kanishka Dhir 12, Babnam Jassal 12); Karnataka 63 (C.N. Suprita 19, Ruth Blessen 18, T. Mohanbala 11) bt MP 56 (Riya Khunghadkar 19, Yashika Singhal 11, Priya Goswami 10); **B:** TN 92 (Harima Sundari 14, Krithika Suresh Kumar 13, Angel Jeevitha 12) bt UP 49; Chhattisgarh 87 (Divyani Gangwal 30, Nisha Kashyap 21, Shanti Xaxa 17) bt Gujarat 85 (Aahana George 31, Naomi Lakhanpal 20, Archi Patel 14); Kerala 67 (R. Sreekala 18, Chippy Mathew 14, Kavitha Jose 12, Susan Florentina 12) bt Gujarat 59 (Hemanganee Gamit 16, Naomi Lakhanpal 15, Aahana George 11).

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Alycia Parks. AP

Lionel. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Alycia Parks, the star attraction at the ITF Open

BENGALURU: World No. 68 Alycia Parks, who reached her maiden Tour-level semifinal at the Auckland 250, headlines the entry list at the $100,000 KPB Trust ITF Open that begins at the KSLTA courts from January 21.
Parks, who represents the United States, was outside the top-100 as recently as December 1, but soared in the rankings following a title-victory in a WTA 125 and the fairytale run in Auckland which ended with a defeat to four-time Major winner Naomi Osaka. Parks competed in the 2025 Australian Open qualifying but lost in the first round.
Also on the list is German World No. 89 Tatjana Maria, who reached the 2022 Wimbledon singles semifinal before losing to Ons Jabeur in three sets.
Maria, though, is in the main draw at the 2025 Australian Open and her participation in the Garden City depends on how far she progresses in Melbourne.

Skandha and Ayush do well for Mofussil XI

Skandha D. Shetty (104) and Y.S. Ayush (4/25) helped Mofussil XI secure the first-innings lead over Combined City XI in a drawn KSCA-Bangalore inter-zonal U-14 tournament encounter.
The scores: President's XI 424/5 in 90 overs (Saad Rayyan Khan 59, Nitish Arya 133, Shamanth K.C. Raju 135 n.o., M. Lakshmi Narayan 50) drew with Combined Mofussil XI 254 in 58.1 overs (S.N. Avaneesha 36, R. Shivaraj 150 n.o. Vyom Naidu 3/45) & 78/2 in 31 overs (S.N. Avaneesha 36 n.o., Aayat Rahim Khan 28).
Mofussil XI 264/8 in 90 overs (Skandha D. Shetty 104, B.K. Yeshas Gowda 41, Alan K. Vinay 28, Ruhaan Shaikh 52 n.o., Narasimha 5/52) & 94/8 in 36 overs (Alan K. Vinay 41, Purab Soni 3/28) drew with Combined City XI 145 in 52.3 overs (Niranjan Ashok 44, Y.S. Ayush 4/25).

Bangalore City XI 186 in 77.4 overs (Samarth Suresh 50, Paarth Madan 56, Vedanth Vedanarayanan 25, Krishna 5/24) & 92 for no loss in 24 overs (Samarth Suresh 36 n.o., R. Rohith Reddy 52 n.o.) drew with Bangalore 235 in 82.3 overs (Vivaan Balamahesh 32, Aaryansinh Chavda 56, Gollapalli Chetan Vishnu 37, Prayag Bijesh 3/32).

Parikrma wallops Real Chikkamagaluru

Parikrma FC thrashed Real Chikkamagaluru 5-1 in the BDFA Urbanrise Super Division League football here on Thursday.

The results: Parikrma FC 5 (Thangjalen Haokip 38, Haominthang Kipgen 45, Ashwin Chakravarthy 47, Manglenthang Singsit 48, Ravindrakumar 87) bt Real Chikkamagaluru FC 1 (Letkholun Khongsai 2); MEG & Centre FC 2 (Robert 29, Ajendra Singh 89) bt MFAR Student Union FC 0.

Former footballer Lionel passes away

Former footballer P.S. Lionel passed away here on Wednesday. He was 81.

Lionel was the skipper of the Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) team that lifted the inaugural Federation Cup football tournament in 1977 beating Kolkata giant Mohun Bagan in the final.

Lionel, a forward, represented Karnataka, Madras and Bengal in the Santosh Trophy.

At club level, apart from ITI, he turned out for HAL, ICF (Chennai) and Mohammedan Sporting (Kolkata).

Though he never played for India, he competed in an exhibition match against Burma.

Yuki Bhambri and Albano Olivetti enter Auckland semifinals

Sports Bureau

Yuki Bhambri and Albano Olivetti pipped third seeds Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool 3-6, 6-4, [12-10] in the doubles quarterfinals of the $766,290 ATP tennis tournament in Auckland, New Zealand on Thursday.

Other results:
$100,000 Challenger, Nonthaburi: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Daniel Cukierman (Isr) & Joshua Paris (G.Br) bt Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-2, 6-0.
$15,000 ITF men, Manacor, Spain: Pre-quarterfinals: Manas Dhamne bt Kasra Rahmani (Iri) 6-0, 7-6(5).
First round: Manas bt Patrick Foley (GBR) 6-1, 6-3.
$60,000 ITF women, Nonthaburi: Pre-quarterfinals: Petra Marcinko (Cro) bt Sahaja Yamalapalli 6-4, 6-3.
Doubles: Quarterfinals: Patcharin Cheapchandej & Punnin Kovapitukted (Tha) bt Alicia Barnett (G.Br) & Prarthana Thombare 6-4, 3-6, [10-7]; Rutuja Bhosale & Eudice Chong (Hkg) bt Hiroko Kuwata & Naho Sato (Jpn) 7-5, 6-7(12), [10-7].
$30,000 ITF women, Nairobi: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Ksenia Laskutova & Monika Stankiewicz (Pol) bt Sravya Shivani & Vanshita Pathania 6-3, 6-1; Demi Tran & Lian Tran (Ned) bt Priyanshi Bhandari & Laalitya Kalluri 6-2, 6-2.

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PROFIT AFTER TAX*	REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS*	NET WORTH*	LOAN BOOK*	LOAN DISBURSEMENTS*	LOAN SANCTIONS*
₹425.37 crore	₹1,698.99 crore	₹9,842.07 crore	₹68,959.61 crore	₹7,448.96 crore	₹13,226.81 crore
Up By 26.77%	Up By 35.57%	Up By 20.99%	Up By 36.34%	Up By 25.27%	Up By 45.01%

EXTRACT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

(₹ in crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended December 31, 2024	Quarter ended September 30, 2024	Quarter ended December 31, 2023	Nine Months ended December 31, 2024	Nine Months ended December 31, 2023	Year ended March 31, 2024
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	1,698.99	1,630.38	1,253.20	4,840.08	3,573.65	4,965.29
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	538.20	459.91	386.14	1,473.84	1,205.57	1,685.24
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	538.20	459.91	386.14	1,473.84	1,205.57	1,685.24
4.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	425.37	387.75	335.54	1,196.81	914.85	1,252.23
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	399.58	478.20	424.69	1,279.65	843.44	1,095.43
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 10/- each)	2,687.76	2,687.76	2,687.76	2,687.76	2,687.76	2,687.76
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	7,154.31	6,648.39	5,446.80	7,154.31	5,446.80	5,871.66
8.	Securities Premium Account (net)	863.63	863.63	863.63	863.63	863.63	863.63
9.	Net worth	9,842.07	9,336.15	8,134.56	9,842.07	8,134.56	8,559.43
10.	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	57,930.62	54,638.64	41,700.70	57,930.62	41,700.70	49,686.86
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	5.89	5.85	5.13	5.89	5.13	5.80
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -						
	A. Basic:	1.58	1.44	1.38	4.45	3.91	5.16
	B. Diluted:	1.58	1.44	1.38	4.45	3.91	5.16
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	428.69	418.38	432.69	428.69	432.69	397.75
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Notes:
a) The above results have been recommended by the Audit Committee of Directors and approved by Board of Director in their respective meetings held on 09.01.2025 and have been audited by **M/s Shiv & Associates , Chartered Accountants**.
b) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly and year-to-date financial results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 & 52 of the SEBI LODR Regulations. The full format of the said financial results are available on the website of the Company https://www.ireda.in/financial-results and on the websites of Stock Exchanges www.bseindia.com & www.nseindia.com.
c) For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the SEBI LODR Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to Stock Exchanges and can be accessed at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

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